



MEETING NOTES

To: Jeanette Janiczek
City of Charlottesville

From: Sal Musarra
Kimley-Horn

Date/Time: September 7, 2017 / 5:00-7:00 PM

Subject: Belmont Bridge Replacement Project (VDOT Project #0020-104-101 / UPC #75878)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Attendees Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Members
Sal Musarra Kimley-Horn
Andy Nagle Kimley-Horn
Jeanette Janiczek NDS – UCI Program Manager

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting is to update the Bicycle and Pedestrian advisory committee on the open design issues related to the 9th St. at grade crossing, vehicular access to Graves St., and vertical circulation at Water St. The committee was also provided project updates resulting from the Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review, and other committee meetings.

AGENDA

Presentation

Project Updates

- Update and comment on three open design issues
- Update on Planning Commission, BAR, and Tree Commission Meeting
- Next Steps

Public Comment

SUMMARY

Following a short presentation, the project team and committee began discussing elements within the presentation.

- Kimley Horn asked for the attendee's preference on reducing the bike lane widths from 7' to 6' to provide additional width to planting/trees. Committee members stated they would prefer to keep the bike lanes as wide as possible on hills and intersection approaches, but could potentially give up 1' when bikes are traveling downhill.
- Committee members generally agreed that the CSX fencing interrupts pedestrians' view shed and that it was not preferred. However, if the fencing is required, they expressed the need for the City to design the fencing accordingly with pedestrians in mind.
- Several committee members expressed interest in providing a curb cut on southbound 9th Street near the 'knuckle' to allow cyclists to dismount and access the pavilion/downtown mall.
- There were concerns expressed regarding the safety of the pedestrian underpass beneath 9th Street near Graves Street, especially at night. Committee members stated that they wanted to privately discuss the removal of the 9th Street at-grade crosswalk before providing their official preference to the City.
- There was generally a positive reaction to the pilot study along Monticello Road to mitigate the left turn prohibition out of Graves Street to allow vehicles to travel south on Monticello Road and exit via Levy Avenue.
- Committee members expressed potential interest in providing curb cuts to allow cyclists to exit the bike lanes and access stairways and the underpass. They also expressed interest in providing curb cuts to access the sidewalk during steep uphill grades.
- Committee members requested the City sketch the ADA-compliant and non-ADA-compliant routes from the pavilion to the intersection of Hinton Avenue and Monticello Road.
- Committee members specifically pointed out that they want the City and KH to think about families and parents with strollers as they move forward with design.