

Town of Mansfield
Transportation Advisory Committee
Agenda and Meeting Notice
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Thursday, October 18, 2012
7:30 PM

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the August 30, 2012 minutes
3. Correspondence and meeting reports
 - a. CT Public Transportation Commission public hearing
4. Old Business
 - a. Bikeway/walkway priority listing
 - b. Intermodal center operations planning
 - c. Project updates
 - d. Storrs Center update
5. New Business
 - a. 2020 Visioning session – Transportation Planning Vision Point
 - b. Public Transportation Planning – discussion with Human Services Advisory Committee
6. Other Business
7. Future meetings and Agenda Items
8. Adjournment

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
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Town of Mansfield Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting – August 20, 2012

Present: Frantz (chair), Ryan, Marcellino, Aho (WRTD), Painter (staff), Hultgren (staff), Blanc (staff), Feyers (guest)

The meeting was called to order by chair Frantz at 7:30 PM.

The minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Ryan/Marcellino.

The WRTD bus facility proposed for the North Frontage Road was discussed. Aho said that will hopefully be constructed and open by next year.

Hultgren noted that the Storrs to Willimantic bus ridership was again up significantly in the last year and continues to show increased ridership in the first month of fiscal year 12-13. He also said that the bus stop on Rte 275 by the Community Center should be completed in the next few days and be open. Members inquired about erecting a shelter at this stop location – staff will look into grants for this.

Staff updated committee members on the status of the following transportation-related projects: Stone Mill Road bridge (to be completed this fall); Laurel Lane bridge (construction just starting); Birch Road bikeway (complete); Flaherty Road/Liberty Bank plaza walkway (to be redesigned per DOT review comments – will be bid next spring); Route 275 pedestrian/bike safety (referred to DOT and waiting for their report); Signage on Rtes 44 and 32 for UConn bound traffic from the west (still waiting for DOT response to Town's request); UConn's signage on Rte 195 maintenance and removal request (DOT said they will respond to a specific list of sign requests); North Eagleville Sidewalk (easements being procured now, funding agreement with UConn being drafted); South Eagleville Road walkway (on hold until workload in engineering dept eases a little).

The update on the volunteer driver program for seniors was discussed. A van for this program has been ordered, but is not expected until later this year.

Committee members were then updated on the Storrs Center transportation-related projects: Parking garage now open, but the software for the operation of the gates will be installed next week; Car sharing and car charging stations to be ready later in September (one car for sharing will be electric); Village Street (Wilbur Cross Way) has been bid and should be awarded in September; Final plans and specs for the intermodal center are under review now and the project should be bid in September; Parking Cooperative Agreement has been approved and is being signed by the owners of the parking lots in Storrs Center – special constables for enforcing parking should be appointed early in September.

Hultgren circulated an outline of tasks being considered for the operation of the Intermodal Center and said that staff would be working on this up until the center opens in August of 2013.

Painter outlined the focus of the Town's recent HUD sustainable communities grant and how it will assist the Town in planning for convenient and safe walking and biking facilities. Considerable public input will be sought as the grant's work is undertaken, and staff will keep the TAC informed.

The edited Town-wide priority walkway/bikeway listing that was edited by the TAC's subcommittee after the last meeting was circulated and discussed. Members were asked to reflect on this and bring further edits to the next meeting.

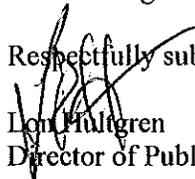
The 6/22/12 memo from the Human Services Advisory Committee on Transportation Planning in Mansfield was discussed. The committee decided to review the Mansfield 2020 visioning report chapter on Transportation at the next meeting and invite the HSAC members to this meeting as well.

The next meeting agenda was discussed and was set to include:

- Review of the Mansfield 2020 report relating to transportation
- Transportation Planning discussion with the HSAC advisory committee
- Editing of the walkway priority listing
- Discussion of the Intermodal Center operations plan.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM on a motion by Ryan/Marcellino.

Respectfully submitted,


Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works

Data Sheet - Prioritized Mansfield Walkways (Worksheet -- Updated August, 2012)

Priority	Road Name	Section	Length (ft)	Est cost @ \$100/ft (5 ft walkway)	Est cost @ \$150/ft (8ft bikeway)	Est Cost for Design & ROW	Homes, Businesses & Apts			Corridor Comments
							Homes	Bus Route?	Apt Bldgs & Other	
#1 Priority -- Funded, in design or under construction	N. Eagleville Rd	Hunting Lodge to Southwood	3,500	\$350,000		\$5,000	43	Yes	12	To Northwood Apts; UConn to design & fund with Town assistance to procure easements and wetland permit
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#2 Priority -- High	Route 89	Route 195 to Library	1,300	\$130,000		\$42,000	35		1	Extension of Mansfield Center walkway
2	Route 89	Library to School	2,400	\$240,000		\$68,000	30		2	Further extension of Mansfield Center walkway
2	S. Eagleville Rd.	Maple to Separatist	1,555	\$350,000		\$50,000	6	Yes	Glenn Ridge	Failed referendum Fall 2011;
2	Route 195	Big Y to Puddin La. (West Side)	2,800	\$280,000		\$80,000	30	Yes	11	Will continue sidewalk that begins at the Town line
2	Hunting Lodge Rd	Separatist to North Eagleville	2,010	\$201,000		\$281,400	10			Part of Town's N-S bike route
2	Hunting Lodge Rd	Birch Rd. to Goodwin School	250	\$25,000			10		2	Connects existing walkway to Goodwin School
2	Route 32	Route 31 to Vinton School	1,800	\$180,000		\$50,000	40		1	Connects Route 31 intersection to Vinton School
2	Route 32	Pleasant Valley Rd. to Price Rite Shopping Center	1740	\$174,000		\$261,000	10		1	WRTD bus stop @ Windham Shopping Center -- no safe Mansfield access
2	Route 195	44 to Moulton Rd	4225	\$422,500		\$80,000				2010 student design project
2	Route 195	Bassetts Bridge Rd to Puddin Lane	5600	\$560,000		\$160,000	60	Yes	3	Connects walkway from Mansf Ctr to Puddin Lane
2	Route 195	4 Corners to Holiday Mall	2,000	\$200,000		\$300,000	27	Yes	10	As per 2004 enhancement grant request. Needed for 4 corners dev.
2	Route 195	89 to Dodd Rd	900	\$90,000		\$126,000		Yes	1	North of Gen Store. Problem with historic fence between the road and the house.

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#3 Priority -- Other	Eastwood Rd	Hillside Circ to Route 275	1,150	\$115,000		\$15,000	26			Will continue Hillside Circle walkway from campus that ends at Eastwood.
3	Conantville Rd	Pollack to rear mall entrance	760	\$76,000		\$10,000	18		27	Incl Eastbrook Condos
3	Spring Hill Rd	Maple to Davis	1,640	\$164,000		\$15,000	15			Segment on Town's N-S bike route
3	Maple Rd	Fieldstone Dr. to Spring Hill	1,100	\$110,000		\$31,000	10		10	Incl Millbrook Apts
3	Maple Rd	Fieldstone Dr to Davis Rd	6,500	\$650,000		\$185,000	80+		30+	Requested by Maple Rd. area residents
3	Route 195	Other pinch points	tbd							Shoulder improvements
3	Bousa Road	Chaffreville Rd to Hillcrest Rd	1320	\$132,000		\$264,000	25+			Connector is now gravel
3	S. Eagleville Rd.	Separatist Rd. to Route 32					45		20 +	Recent request under review
Totals			42,550	\$4,449,500	\$1,232,400	\$1,046,000				

ACTION PLAN VISION POINT: SUSTAINABILITY AND PLANNING

Action Item: Create/implement sustainable transportation systems

What constraints or obstacles may need to be overcome to be successful?

Lack of legislative power, funding, lack of vision among players, dependence on cars, policies that promote sprawl.

What positive factors are in place to help make this action item successful?

Windam Regional Transit District (WRTD) bus system, new Department of Transportation (DOT) administration, higher gas prices, educated residents, some rail in area

What individuals might you need/want to include?

WRTD, UConn, WINCOG, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Traffic Authority, DOT

Who else may be working on this or is interested in its success?

UConn Transportation, ECSU, Center for Transportation and Urban Planning at UConn

What department or agency should take the lead responsibility to make this happen?

Sustainability Committee/Town Staff, WINCOG, WRTD, DOT, TAC Representatives

How will we know if we are successful?

Fewer cars, more transportation choices, integrated systems, changes in sustainability indices

ACTION STEPS	Desired Target Date
1. Evaluate existing regional and local transportation systems, issues, and needs to determine which facilitate sustainable transportation and are the highest priority for implementing	12/08
2. Align and prioritize policies/programs of transportation providers in the region around a sustainable transportation system, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Construct a coherent walking and biking network; promote walking and biking, including walking to school b. Promote/facilitate transportation alternatives such as ride sharing, car sharing, bike sharing, flexible bus routes, shuttles, etc. c. Coordinate incentives for biking to work d. Coordinate bus services to enable commuting to Hartford e. Coordinate bus and rail options to Springfield and New London f. Replace area busses with less polluting ones g. Rework bus stops as necessary to access important places/desired destinations h. Coordinate with UConn transit options and parking fees i. Plan for/establish more, centrally located park and ride (commuter) lots j. Plan for transportation hubs – including Storrs Center k. Identify non driving populations and needed transportation services l. Consider incentives or tax breaks for homeowners without cars m. Lobby for new state policies and transportation funding sources (sales tax, fees, etc.) 	07/09

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
SUBJECT: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN
DATE: 6/22/2012
CC: TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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We are writing as advisory committees who all have constituents who are dealing with public transportation issues from a number of different perspectives. While each of the groups that we represent has unique needs, we believe that the core issue that they are struggling with relates to the lack of an integrated municipal policy on public transportation. While the Town successfully supports a number of valuable transportation initiatives including Dial-A-Ride, the WRTD fixed route bus, and the Senior Center's volunteer driver program, there is no single entity that coordinates these efforts and ensures that the broad public transportation needs of Mansfield residents are being met. We believe that as an advisory committee to the Town Council that is charged with addressing this area of public policy, you are the group that is in the best position to advance this issue. To that end, we would like to send representatives from each of our committees to meet with you to discuss our concerns and interests. Prior to that meeting we would encourage you to address the following questions:

1. To what extent does the Transportation Improvement Plan that is part of the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development serve as a guide to transportation planning, and how is this being monitored?
2. As a strategic plan, does Mansfield 2020 provide guidelines for public transportation initiatives, and if it does, who is responsible for implementing this?
3. How can we best work effectively with your committee to advance these concerns?

*2020
Plan*

*to review
next meeting*

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Leah Range

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