Town of Mansfield Transportation Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes of the Meeting – April 14, 2022, Conf Room B

Present: Hultgren (chair), Bernier, Manville, Taylor, Bruder, Carrington (Director of Public Works/Town Engineer), Dilaj (Assistant Town Engineer), Philip Johnson (WRTD/UConn Transit)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. The minutes of the October 28, 2021 and February 8, 2022 meetings were approved on a motion by Bernier/Taylor.

Johnson updated attendees on the proposed changes to WRTD’s routes and schedules. The route changes will lower the times between busses on most routes as well as make the Hunting Lodge Road service year-round. WRTD will be managing UConn’s campus shuttles beginning July 1st. New signs for the WRTD bus stops are also due to be replaced/updated.

Hultgren reported that he had met with Derek Dilaj and Jennifer Kaufman of the Town staff to discuss the updated draft of the Town’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan and how it might be circulated for review/Town approval prior to the end of August when the Town’s application for renewing its Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) designation. He said that the League of American Bicyclists was now emphasizing equity with regards to cycling in BFC’s. Members asked if an electronic copy of the draft could be sent to them, and he said he would try to do this.

Carrington reported that the DPW had been providing transportation information and data to the Town staffers who were assembling the Town’s Sustainable CT Community renewal application and the application was on target for its timely submittal.

Carrington said that the last draft of the TAC’s charge had been reviewed by staff and should be OK’d by the committee, which it was.

Dilaj updated members regarding proposed transportation-related projects in the coming construction season. Projects include resurfacing Browns, Fern & Spring Hill Roads; a State grant for Maple Road improvements from Max Felix Drive to the Middle School (the second half of a project grant which now will include the whole length of Maple Road along with accommodations for bicycles); changes to the Spring Hill/Maple/Clover Mill intersection; traffic calming for South Eagleville Road (Boulevard/Roundabout?); Federal grants to complete the gaps in the multi-use path loop around UConn – South Eagleville Road between Maple and Separatist and Hunting Lodge Road between Separatist and North Eagleville Road. He said that the Town had also applied for Federal funds to provide a bike/pedestrian path on Route 195 between the four corners and UConn and the improvements to the intersection of Routes 195 and 89 were underway.

Hultgren said that UConn had hired a consultant to study active transportation on the Storrs campus and that a 2nd public information session was going to be held on April 27th. He said that UConn was applying this year to the League of American Bicyclists to be a “Bicycle Friendly University” (BFU) and their application was on target to be submitted this August. He also said that UConn’s Earth Day celebration, known as the “Spring Fling” was being held on April 20th with many environmental groups represented on Fairfield Way.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Lon Hultgren, Chair