Technical Assistance Tool: Complete Streets

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Re: 1-Month Progress Status Report

Workshop Followup

- The Transportation Planner has sent a thank you to all workshop participants
- The Transportation Planner has drafted an action plan that will be reviewed and discussed at the next transportation coordination meeting

Staff Coordination

- The NHDOT has announced the first round of Transportation Alternatives Program funding, and City transportation staff are coordinating to submit proposals for a number of road and trail improvements. All of these projects incorporate the principals outlined in the Complete Streets Policy.

- The bi-weekly transportation coordination meetings continue. The City’s Transportation Planner coordinates the agenda and regular participants include the Planning Director, Public Works Director, and Parking and Transportation Division Director. Where relevant, other City staff who are involved in specific transportation projects are invited, as well.

Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

- In July, the Transportation Planner presented a report back to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee on the recommendations of the Complete Streets Workshop.
Community Engagement

- In August, the Planning Board adopted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which incorporates the previously completed Safe Routes to School Action Plan and lays out improvements to develop a complete bicycle and pedestrian network throughout the City. The staff will be presenting the plan to the City Council in October.

Capital Improvement Program

- The City's Capital Improvement Program planning process has started and the Planning Department staff is working on revising the project identification and evaluation guidelines to reinforce their connection with existing City policies and plans. All CIP project requests are proposed by City departments and then evaluated by a Subcommittee of the Planning Board with input from the Planning and Finance departments. As the CIP planning process progresses, transportation projects will be evaluated to ensure connection with the Complete Streets Policy and the recently adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Staff Training:

- The City's Transportation Planner will be attending the Pro Walk Pro Bike Pro Place Conference in Pittsburg, PA in September.