

## PBAC Working Session Notes – 1-12-2021

### Staff Reports:

Sara reported that there have been a few things that have been wrapped up since last September. The GPTN Connector Bridge has been completed. Project went well. We might be under budget with this project. Other projects that are still in the engineering stage are the Beal Slough Trail, it is moving forward, the public outreach portion was completed this past September and October. Letters were sent to adjacent residents, property owners, neighborhood associations and the school and all the utilities. We received a few comments. Also met with landowners where right-of-way is needed and that including two neighborhood associations and the Campus Life organization. Everyone was supportive of the project and having that trail connection for those neighborhoods. Also working on the comprehensive plan and long-range transportation plan items. The Comp Plan is at the recommended growth scenario phase. For additional information, please visit the 2050 Comprehensive Plan at: <https://app.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/forward/> and the Long Range Transportation Plan at: <https://lrrtplincolnmpo.com/>.

Also working on the Wilderness Park Plan and the Climate Action Plan, which is going through a review process. More information regarding the Climate Action Plan can be found at: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Projects-Programs-Initiatives/Resilient-Lincoln>

Bobby shared with the group the status of three projects. Tierra-Williamsburg Trail project was completed and walk thru was done on January 7, 2021. Project was completed nicely, need to take care of seeding and striping in the springtime. The trail is open for use. Olsson will be the consultant for the Landmark Trail. Kick off meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Jamaica North Trail bridge north of Saltillo Rd. is being designed right now by JEO and replacement should start spring/summer of this year.

Kellee touch based with the group regarding the 2050 Comprehensive Plan. The PBAC had presented a letter about the desire to include 'Equity' in the planning process and wanted to let the group know that they are currently doing that and have an Equity Sub-Committee set up. Meetings are being held on a monthly basis and talking through different aspects of the Comprehensive Plan and looking at which policies might be problematic, what might need minor changes, removal and complementary policies. Over the next few months, the policies will be drafted and available for review during the late spring or summer. Kellee will back later with the information and share with the group.

Dan Carpenter spoke to the group about the speed limit change at five schools. Traffic Engineering recently installed the first five schools speed zones. This will be an ongoing effort to install this new speed zones at every school in the City. The speed limit was reduced from 25 MPH – (30 MPH for Rousseau Elementary) on 33<sup>rd</sup> St. to 20 MPH. Repeated studies show that reduced speeds resulted in fewer and less serious collisions between vehicles and pedestrians.

Feedback has been positive. The five schools are Humann Elementary, Saint Peter Catholic, Rousseau Elementary, Dawes Middle and Saint Patrick Catholic.

### **33<sup>rd</sup> and Cornhusker Project:**

Kristen Humphrey – Senior Engineer with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities – gave a PowerPoint presentation to the group regarding the 33<sup>rd</sup> and Cornhusker Project. Please refer to the presentation sent with the notes. For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.33rdcornhusker.com/>

Deadmans Run Project: Kristen Humphrey also touched on the Deadmans Run Project. Design has not started yet. The yellow lines on the slide represents that bike path. The goal is that all different users are accommodated.

### **Update on Various City Planning Processes:**

Sara provided an overview of items that are being worked on now. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is looking at equity at parks and doing mapping exercises to identify areas the City may have less services than other areas and overlay that with equity data from the U.S. Census. The Long Range Transportation Plan goes through a similar process. They take the equity items as part of the environmental analysis.

Wilderness Park: Sara has a project catalog setup and currently working on the mapping of where these projects are and sharing with J.J. Yost to receive a dollar estimate on the cost. Once the information is available it will be reviewed with the working group. The information will be released to the public for review afterwards. A sign plan is in place. Bobby has been working on a design for kiosks for each one of the trailheads, including the GPTN Connector Bridge, which is considered an 8<sup>th</sup> trailhead in the park. The kiosks would be in place this spring or early summer. Other signage that is planned is signs inside the park and trails to help with navigation.

Climate Action Plan: Sara encouraged the group to look at the plan, it is currently in review by the public right now. City staff has been working to identify action strategies that can be accomplished in the next 6 years. The Mayor's Office would like to see the plan go to the City Council this spring.

### **LRTP – Phase 1 Outreach Highlights September – October 2020**

Allan Zaft – Transportation Planner with the Planning Department – provided a presentation regarding the LRTP. Please refer to the presentation sent with the notes