

Town of Mansfield Transportation Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting – September 15, 2011

Present: Frantz (chair), Lindsey, Hall, Ryan, Nash, Hultgren (staff), Tristan Baker (Hertz Car Sharing)

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

The minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Nash/Frantz with Ryan abstaining.

Hultgren reported that the fare-free program for the Storrs to Willimantic bus had been funded for the current (11-12) academic year by both the Town and UConn. He said that he thought this would be helpful in that the Town was in the midst of a \$6M grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for bus and bike transportation in Storrs Center.

Hultgren also reported that the Stone Mill Bridge replacement project was about to get started and the Laurel Lane Bridge project was in its final stages of design approval at the DOT. He said that the Birch Road bikeway had been completed in the early summer and the pathways to Liberty Bank and Storrs Heights were still in final design. The Route 275 walkway (Separatist Road to Maple Road) will be on the November ballot, and a Safe Routes to School grant application was filed this summer for extending the Mansfield Center walkway north on Route 89 to the Southeast School.

Hultgren further reported that the volunteer senior driver transportation program was underway with approximately 18 drivers participating. A new grant-funded van is being purchased by the Town.

In the Storrs Center development, the parking garage construction is slated to start by the end of the month within which there will be space for both car charging stations and vehicles that are part of the UConn car sharing program. The design of the Storrs Center Transportation Center and transit pathways is continuing and is expected to be submitted to the FTA for review in mid-November. Options for operating the transportation center for its first year of operation are being developed.

Tristan Baker of the Hertz on Demand car sharing company, which has been selected by UConn to be the campus area car sharing vendor, gave a presentation as to what car sharing is and how it will be implemented in Storrs.

Hultgren and Lindsey summarized the Storrs Center Parking Steering Committee's progress in working out a cooperative parking enforcement plan for the downtown area. The Steering Committee felt that many of the Town's parking fines are too low, and the Town's Traffic Authority will be reviewing these in their next couple of meetings.

Hultgren explained that he was working with UConn to have it make signs to be placed on Route 32 and North Eagleville Road to warn drivers that Ravine Road is not a recommended route to or from the UConn campus. He circulated sample sketches of these proposed signs.

A subcommittee composed of Lindsey and Frantz will work with Hultgren to draft an update of the Town's walkway/bikeway priority listing.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 PM on a motion by Nash/Lindsey.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren  
Director of Public Works