

City of Newburgh Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, Nov 10, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom

Roll Call: Gabe, John, Zach, Jessica, AJ

Present: Officer Rutigliano, Faye Leone, Nita Sutton, Douglas Burd (no public transportation)

Public Comment/Presentation Period

- **Bewegen Bike Share Program Presentation:** Martjin Kentie, Canadian Manufacture their own bike, create a recharging hubs, (Rocky Mountain factory), Third Company Propulsion is specialized
- **Broad and Liberty.** They are heavier, sturdier, No need for employers, operators to swap batteries. Motion activated bikes. Electric assistance (not throttle), Motor is configured to local law (maximum speed Europe 12mph, USA is 14mph, NYC??). The bike is robust because weight is in the pedals. Gravity point is lower which is safer. Other features speed, battery level, how long you've been using, comes with a secondary lock that is integrated to create intermediate stops like going to a shop, create virtual hubs (geo borders), charging station is electric outlet but uses heavier rails to (no excavation, not mess the aesthetic character, can easily move it). Depending on number of docks, can range from 3-32 docks. A wayfinding panel to operating etc. Create a mobile app, users use this account, the software platform (back office) is equipped with sim card and operator.
- To date, Bewegen have 23 systems worldwide, closest one is in Pioneer Valley near North Hampton, a regional bike share system. Started 3 yeast 120 bikes to now iwth additional municipalities they have 550 bikes.
- Pricing is upon discussion.
- Follow up on other questions about process for implementation Secure Funding > Agreement between Municipalities/Joint Program > Sponsors > Criteria for Stations/ Service Area > Liability
- General information- Reduce speeding is narrowing the drivers road vision. Bike Lanes, street trees, parallel parking, signage,
- OCTC Transit Taskforce Updates- purpose is to share about money on transit. OCTC and federal /state infrastructure. Quarterly meetings- next one is in February. Incorporate rider representative in each county. Rider Advocate for Newburgh. Transit Orange updates. New website called Ride Transit orange.com. Open Trip planner. Connect different services in Orange County. Two major studies with METS plan, just concluded. Website is micro transit pilot. Small buses that run short routes. Survey for riders to express any comments they have about the service. Including the shuttle.

Announcements

1. Stop sign approval & installations week of 11/8/21- streamlined process seems to be in place.
2. New public safety requests- Nita Sutton requested more traffic calming on Broad and Liberty. South Street is also identified as another troublesome corridor. More complicated because NYS DOT owns it.
3. Bike Taskforce formed- Zach Ruttenberg, Francisco Grajales and Naomi Hersson-Ringskog of TAC are part of it. Hope to identify short term and long term goals to promote safer bicycling in Newburgh.
4. Greenway grant for bike lane analysis- submitted and will hear back at the end of the year. Project starts in April. Engineering consultant is Weston & Sampson.

Pedestrian/Walkability

- Update on Newburgh Beacon Bridge Curfew - passed the agenda. Now going through bureaucratic process. Hope to hear Governor's chamber's feedback before the end of the year.
- Complete Streets implementation checklist for large projects- Question for Ali on how its

implemented. Large development projects have not filled out the checklist which is useful information for TAC/City.

- Pedestrian Path & CSX pathway-

Bicycle

- Legislation on Bike Share, Electric Bicycles and Scooter - update is in the que. Advice to go through city council.
- Bike Garden at HOH- postponed to Spring.
- Bike Racks - List of top sites- easy to work on individual private property but hoping the City can allocate funds each year for bike racks at their municipal buildings.

Buses (5 min)

- Bus surveys-
- Email with county transportation planning
- Free rides for Holiday and/or Youth Free Pass- funding used to supplement in 2016. IT was part of a promotion because the routes had been modified.

Car & Parking

- Payment in Lieu of Parking- naomi hopes to present in January
- Policy on Shared Parking Spaces (Maximum parking spots, Minimum parking spots)- question for Ali.

Ferry & Airport

- Newburgh Illuminated & Newburgh Open Studios - ferry pilot- naomi met with skoufis office to see if we can jump start this planning in January.

General

Old Business

- Pedestrian: NYSDOT Crosswalks, Sidewalk Improvement District RFP,