

I have read the TSP and these are my thoughts.

--The study doesn't address the circling cars and on-street parking as an URGENT. Instead it offers ideas of how to support MORE automobile traffic efficiently. I do not want to encourage more individual cars to flood the city.

Managing incoming traffic is a complex problem to solve but the livability of the town overall would benefit. IF we can manage the number of car visitors by using permits to park or timed parking or incentives to ride a bus perhaps some of the other problems will resolve themselves.

--I believe the mini mobility hubs should be delayed. I think focusing on bus stops with routes that benefit more people is a better use of funds than installing a charging station.

--Let's get ahead of the curve for once and ban electric scooters. They do not assist the mobility impaired and they have been found to cause many problems in other cities.

Promote true green alternatives such as biking and walking in our village. That will mean installing more bike racks and additional bike paths as already in the plan. Establish ground rules for bike share programs and encourage the STR's and hotels to provide them.

Add benches on Ocean and Spruce to encourage walking. It would benefit the mobility limited among us. Knowing there is a spot to rest offers encouragement to walk to town. It also offers a spot to enjoy this village and truly appreciate what is here.

--Spruce Street sharrow lane improvements should be a top priority. It is the safest and easiest project that will benefit the walking and biking community. Cars should always respect other modes of transportation but it is easier to do on Spruce than on Hemlock.

I think street parking should be banned on Spruce. All residents on Spruce have off street parking available to them. This will keep the road open for people walking and biking as well as room for cars to pass by easily. This could also allow it serve as the quickest route downtown for Emergency vehicles.

--Ditch the roundabouts. It is very true they help move automobile traffic effectively but they don't help our foot traffic. Foot traffic is what I want to encourage.

Use four and even three - way stops. They are common, understandable, affordable and work well with foot traffic. Everyone knows the rules. People have to stop and make eye contact. What's bad about that?

--The Sunset and Hemlock intersection should be a three way stop. Otherwise it will be confusing to car traffic and especially dangerous to people using the crosswalk in the southbound lane. A quick stop there (20 sec) isn't going to impend traffic flow south very much and pedestrians need consistent behavior to use crosswalk patterns safely.

The idea that you can have one lane continue south without stopping is asking for trouble. Imagine coming across from the east in the crosswalk then finding traffic in the west lane hasn't slowed down. Just no.

Thanks for all the hard work and time that has been put into this endeavor by the staff and council and everyone who took the time to read this plan over and over again.

I understand the TSP is a plan of suggestions on how to maintain and meet the needs of our town. Please clarify for me that in the future each recommendation will be publicly discussed before voting to move forward.

Thanks for listening,

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