



**Athens in Motion Commission  
Special Called Session**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 4:30-5:00 pm**

Online via ACC WebEx:

<https://youtu.be/1lrAnm8cZUk>

**PRESENT**

Aaron Redman  
Mark Ebell  
Teresa Friedlander  
Lauren Blais  
James Barlament  
Jake Maas

Stephen Bailey (TPW)  
Rani Katreeb (TPW)

**GUESTS**

Toole Design Group: Savannah Langkamp, Sarah Johnson, Tom Mononym, Jared Draper

**ABSENT**

Roswell Lawrence  
Craig Topple

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm

**2. Agenda Additions and Approval**

- a. Agenda approved (Mark moved, Teresa seconded).

**3. Public Comment**

- a. No public comments.

**4. Barber Street Concept**

- a. Lauren: why are we not including segment 4 from Boulevard to Prince Avenue?  
Stephen: This segment is not part of the Tier 1 project; Tier 1 is from Boulevard to Dairy Pak. This is an efficiency because ACC is already working out there. Putting forward a Tier 2 or 3 piece takes money away from Tier 1 projects.
- b. Teresa: What happens when you transition from two-way bike lane north of Boulevard to merging with traffic at Boulevard? Rani: You would use the crosswalk to transition to the sharrows on Barber. Jared: This will be a raised intersection with stop control, which

makes it a slow, shared environment. You would only use the crosswalk if there is a vehicle waiting.

- c. Teresa: It's too bad we're not taking it all the way to Prince, but if things are slowed down it will hopefully feel safe enough for bicyclists. Mark: right now there is some pretty high-speed traffic. Was there consideration given to removing on-street parking? That would give you room for two bike lanes. Jared: We looked from an exploratory standpoint, but we were trying to focus resources from Boulevard north. Mark: it feels like we're making a long-term bet that bump-outs, etc. this will slow traffic down. Once these are in we won't have bike lanes ever. Jared: it's not impossible, and there are other alternatives that can give it the feel of a shared facility without ripping out the curb extensions. There is still opportunity for that.
  - d. Teresa asked for a one-minute overview of the project from Dairy Pak to Boulevard. Jared re-presented the project at 10:50.
  - e. Mark: Left turn from Barrow onto Barber is a terrible turn with bad sight lines. Can the bump-outs extend farther? Jared: we can explore this in final design. Lauren would love to see a crosswalk at Tracy St.
  - f. Stephen: There is a Tier 1 project that would continue sharrows or change it to a bike lane from Finley all the way to Hancock. You can make an argument that this segment (4) is Tier 1, although facilities will be created there. It's worth talking about because it will most likely come up with the M&C as well. Rani: we can generate some costs based on the cost of segment 3.
  - g. Lauren: I think we can make a motion to approve the concept as it stands, and we can look into extending the concept to Prince Ave. **Lauren made a motion to approve the project as presented with direction to staff to pursue additional exploratory work on segment 4. Teresa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5. Meeting Adjourned at 4:57.**