

## **Burlington Walk/Bike Council Minutes of 11/19/15 Meeting**

**Present:** Erik B-B.; Tony R.; Katie Martin, CATMA; Stu L.; Phil H.; Tony Bell; Serrill Flash; Bonnie Acker; Mary Manges; Nic Anderson; Jay Catalano; Katelin Brewer-Collie; RJ Lalumiere; Sharon Fosbrook; Jed Fosbrook; Curt McCormick; Eileen Rogers; Karen Rowell; Barbara Headrick; Police Chief del Poso; Steve Norman (reporting).

### **Updates:**

Nic: Champlain College was just awarded a “Silver” level Bike-friendly College designation.

Stu: Attended Bike Parking parked 6300 bikes at events in 2015 (5400 in 2014).

Katelin: VTrans public meeting for the first place of bike infrastructure improvement projects will take place December 12 at Interactive TV sites and online via live stream.

Tony R.: Champlain Parkway community Meeting Nov. 30, 7 pm at Champlain Elementary School, including AARP, DPW, Local Motion, AoT.

Bonnie Acker: Pomeroy Park neighborhood wants to work for traffic calming, crosswalks, signage, etc., in reaction to danger from speeding, absence of stop signs, etc.

Tony - suggests shared-space designation

Caitlin; Jed - radar-electronic “You are speeding” signs are effective

RJ - Safe Routes to School program may have applicable funds for safety-related items

### **Chief del Poso:**

His department’s approach is to honor all 3 modes of mobility — walk, bike and motor — with consensus-building, education and engineering. North Avenue is presently engineered for speed and poses a legitimate re-engineering question. DPW owes us the data.

Katelin: we have 30 years’ worth of data on road diets. More officers on bikes would be good.

Chief: foot patrols in the North Street area will be prioritized, and he’s planning for bike patrols, working to fund training for bike-mounted officers to begin next spring.

Jay: “cross-grain” (wrong-way parallel) parking is a safety issue. (Burlington allows it, Winooski doesn’t.)

Erik: Major safety issues are speed, running red lights and stop signs, failure to yield to pedestrians.

Phil: lights on bikes.

Chief: educational stops with light giveaways.

Barbara: CCTA buses speed, management doesn’t respond, doesn’t retain GPS data past 3 days. (Nic: UVM buses have their data in real time.)

Serrill: everybody speeds.

Tony R.: Roundabouts are the safest intersections.

Chief: Protected bike lanes improve safety and encourage biking.

Karen: Add 3” or 6” to sidewalks and make them multi-use paths. (RJ: that’s the longer-term plan for North Avenue.)

Chief: re-engineering is more effective than enforcement at reducing speeds and enhancing safety.

Bonnie: We need a wild idea to wake people up.

Chief: Wouldn’t want to see more people riding bikes on the sidewalks.

Nic: A Burlington Code Enforcement officer said he did his job ten times better after switching from his car to a bike.

Chief: Red-light license-plate speed cameras are effective, but VT politics are not particularly receptive to the surveillance society implications.