

Burlington Walk-Bike Council Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2017

5:35-7:00pm

Presiding: Erik Brown Brotz

Minutes taken by: Sarah Goodrich

Others present: Steve Norman (BWBC), Jason (Local Motion), Serrill Flash (implementation committee), Nicole (DPW), Elizabeth (DPW), RJ LaLumiere (implementation committee), Debra Blumberg (implementation committee south end), Greg Hostettler, Justine Sears (implementation committee), Katie Jickling (7 Days), Abby Bleything (UVM)

Agenda Item: Announcements

- Jason thanks all the implementation committee members for our service
- Jason encourages everyone to check out the demo project at Howard and St. Paul, which is there through tomorrow, possibly through weekend.

Walk-Bike Plan Implementation and Feedback Committee

Agenda Item: DPW verbal updates

- North Ave crosswalks: Designs are off to Vtrans (at Ward St, Village Green and Killarney, Poirier, Goss, and Cayuga) All to be built next year. Some bump-outs, no center islands, RRFBs for all.
- North Ave and Goss Court path; land belongs to school district.
- Maple and Battery intersection improvements fall/winter
- Leddy Park bike connector on hold til next year
- St. Paul streetscape improvements (part of downtown TIF); eliminates angled parking, goes to parallel, near Pizzeria Verita.
- Booth and Ward traffic calming: just met with fire Dept on Ward about improving the speed cushions so more cars will hit them but fire trucks still won't; Booth neighborhood meeting was this week.
- Curb extensions at Main and S Champlain on quick build
- N Union protected lanes (bollard at meeting for demonstration); DPW just ordered more bollards. Need to patch some pavement before installing bollards.
- Archibald on the back burner for now while focusing on other greenways. There's a concept plan. The intersection of Archibald and Intervale may get attention sooner.
- Willard St bike lane switch from N to S bound: Postponed til next year. The carriage stops will present a challenge. The neighborhood was fine with the bike lane plan. Historic preservation has concerns.
- Colchester Ave sidepath widening. Planned for concrete, which is more durable, but asphalt is cheaper and smoother for biking. Crosswalk at Fletcher to go in this summer
- Markings on College to Prospect not yet designed.
- Riverside shared use path safety improvements. N. Winooski intersection is problematic. Winooski corridor study this year.
- Pine Street bicycle connectivity: Already installed Main to Maple; nothing else in immediate future. LM has requested sharrows northbound to connect with bike lane. DPW will consider that. Curb extensions and RRFBs are going in at all crossings.
- North Ave:
 - Pilot approved to become permanent
 - Updated design underway with StanTech to improve markings between 127 and Saratoga.
 - Problem areas are Ethan Allen and Plattsburg. Not currently looking at Plattsburg.
- Downtown bike parking: Local Motion working on collecting data and making recommendations.

Agenda Item: DPW Project Update on Pearl Street

- Plans shown on overhead and provided on paper.
- Battery to Pearl one of the two right turn lanes is closing.

- Buffered bike lane East Bound
- Buffered bike lane West Bound that will transition to mix lane.
- Will buffered lanes have hatch marks? Not at this point... lots of upkeep.
- Parking on North side.
- It would be helpful to document cars using bike lane as turning lane.
- North Champlain curb extension
- Climbing bike lane on Pearl would be very helpful.
- What about bikes proceeding on walk signal? DPW says it's at the State level. Others disagree though accomplishing this at the state level would be better.
- Will there be sensors in bike boxes to trigger the light? There are cameras that will be adjusted.
- There will be signage to find the greenway and signage about bike boxes.
- Current bike lanes on Pearl without buffer aren't functional because they are in the door zone.
- There are over 8000 parking spaces in the 6x6 block area of downtown.

Note: Implementation committee members should enter comments on the Google spreadsheet.

Agenda Item: DPW Project Update on Lakeview Greenway

- Curb extensions and bike parking.
- Bi-directional, though more bike traffic likely going downtown.
- Traffic calming cutouts
- Quick build this first year (paint, bollards, planters)
- Small 10' diameter traffic circle
- DPW exploring agreement with Redstone to use the parking lot at the South end of Lakeview.

Agenda Item: DPW Project Update on ONE Wiggle Greenway

- North and Sherman RRFB
- Bidirectional facility between North Ave and Park: RJ thinks bidirectional facilities aren't safe.
- Something at the south end of North Ave would be helpful to keep bikers safe.
- Sidewalk on East side of Mansfield may be transitioned to a shared use path.
- This is all quick build this year.
- The Champlain block is a little funky in the quick build year with a bidirectional facility on one side and single direction path on the other.

Agenda Item: General comments and questions

- The Pearl and Battery adjustments are going to be great.
- Can we legally add a sign saying that bikes may cross with the crosswalk signal?
- Thanks to Nicole and Elizabeth
- We need leads on the active projects, so committee members should sign up for some.
- Everyone is welcome to comment on any project.
- Not clear what will be built in the coming month. All projects material dependent and waiting on materials.
- Request that DPW email Erik when projects are complete so we know to go and check it out.