

## **Burlington Walk/Bike Council Minutes of 2/23/17 Meeting**

Present (incomplete list): Anna Wyner, Cashel Stewart, Jerry Williams, Nicole Losch (DPW), Serrill Flash, Philip Peterson (DPW), Jason VanDriesche (LM), Karla Ferrelli, Mary Manghis, RJ Lalumiere, Brendan Hogan, Kevin Kelley, Dave Dielsi, David Scheidt, Erik Brown Brotz, Phil Hammerslaugh, Stu Lindsay, Steve Norman (reporting).

### **Announcements:**

Nicole: Draft Walk/Bike Master Plan should go to the TEUC [Transportation, Energy, Utilities Commission] March 8, then (tentatively) to the City Council at the late-March meeting. Nicole related some of the latest modifications.

### **PlanBTV Walk/Bike status and 2017 projects Work Plan (Nicole)**

Primary tools: Neighborhood greenways; traffic calming. Process to include treatment of changes as pilot projects, community education and assessment of neighbor buy-in. The Colchester Ave. road diet is an example of public input having a positive impact on a pilot project: initial opposition faded during piloting and consensus now is one of broad approval. Comments:

Jason: LM and BWBC need to do good education and outreach.

Dave: data collection and transparency are crucial.

Philip: Calgary made use of anecdotal narratives, not just numbers.

RJ: Calgary attempted to implement a 'minimum grid' at one go, not piecemeal.

### **Central City Projects:**

Riverside Ave: green paint and signs to improve conflict zones.

Archibald St: it's a future 'slow zone' street. For now, share markings.

Decatur/Union/Winooski intersection: curb extensions (using paint, planters, other non-permanent means).

Mansfield Ave-to-Battery Park, the "O.N.E. Wiggle": pavement markings plus signage, 2 short sections of 2-way bike lane, curb extensions.

Pearl St/Battery St: reconfigure Pearl as 1 lane east, 1 lane west; close one of the 2 northbound turning lanes on Battery; green paint on Pearl.

Jason: LM is negotiating with the bus companies re allowing bikes to ride through the St. Paul St. transit center.

Willard St: considering changing to a southbound bike lane (currently northbound) and moving the parking to the east side (currently west side).

Union St: extend current shared-lane markings further south to Maple Street and protected lane in place of buffer.

Bank St/Winooski Ave: negotiate with the 2 gas stations about piloting a project that would close their Bank St curb-cuts and have curb extension parklets from Winooski Ave to Center St and the Parking entrance.

Main St/S.Champlain St: curb extensions.

Pine St.: additional crosswalks, curb extensions, pending Champlain Parkway changes.

College St./Prospect St.: extend the College St. climbing lane to Prospect St.

**North End Priorities:**

The North Ave. pilot study and feedback processes should get before the City Council for decision in June.

Hunt Middle School-to-Gosse Ct: shared use markings.

Shore Rd: neighborhood greenway.

Leddy Park Rd: 'advisory' bike lanes (dashed lines)

**South End Priorities:**

Birchcliff Pkwy: have state grant for a sidewalk; will add more calming features

Locust St: bumpouts at Caroline and Charlotte Sts.

Flynn Ave: advisory bike lanes

Austin Dr: 'potential' for a protected bike lane.

Shelburne Rotary: temporary curb extensions pending final rotary redesign permitting.

For additional ideas: The community-initiated demonstration project process (DPW website) regularizes the proposal and permitting of other pilot projects for periods of a day to a week.

Jason: Local Motion is promoting the use of green paint for consciousness-raising and place-holding for future on-road biking infrastructure changes, e.g., parking removal. RJ: colored asphalt is also available and requires less long-term maintenance. Nicole: pavement paint gets slippery; some installations will be striped rather than solid-painted.

**Please reference the other posted documents handed out at this meeting (2/23/17):**

[http://burlingtonwalkbike.org/sites/default/files/2017-DPW\\_workplan\\_package.pdf](http://burlingtonwalkbike.org/sites/default/files/2017-DPW_workplan_package.pdf)

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