

Burlington Walk/Bike Council Minutes of 8/28/14 Meeting

Present: Erik Brotz (facilitating); Tony Redington; Charlene Wallace, LM; Lou Brazzie (phonetic); Viola ___ , GMBC; Joel Baird, Free Press; Jason van Driesche, LM; Damon Weinberg; Phil Hammerslaugh; Jim Brophy; Will Flender; Barbara Mines; Albert Echt; Kurt McCormick; Katie Martin, CATMA; Steve Norman (minutes)

Agenda:

Champlain Parkway Walk/Bike Design Issues

Jason vanDriesche: The DPW plans are voluminous and not readily available to the public. Jason has perused them. He has identified and prioritized the following issues, starting from the south end of the project:

There is no rationalization of the QueenCityParkRoad/I-89/Rt.7 intersection. Pine Street is planned to dead-end at the highway with no connection to QCP Rd.

Tony - QCP Rd railway bridge is the natural location for a train station in the long term.

Will - what are the parameters of modifications that will/won't reopen Act 250 review?

Erik - what about a roundabout @ Pine St?

Several more: Separated walking and biking facilities are a priority; we don't want more of "shared-use." Exclusive bike/ped phase signals are needed at the Home/Flynn/SearsLane/Lakeside intersections. Radius of curb at the Lakeside terminus is huge (read: FAST), as planned. Another roundabout?

Issues on Pine Street: It's a good site for a separated path on W. side (there are few curb cuts). But that stops at Kilburn Street. Does the "Railyard Enterprise Plan" provide opportunities? Is parking on Pine Street really necessary?

Erik - at the least, we need some facility on the east side of Pine.

Jason - walking facilities are needed throughout the project.

Tony - median diverters and crosswalks.

RJ - Greenbelts; bumpouts.

Lane widths in the north section of Pine are 14'E and 13'W.

Plan: 1. Write this all up as a Google Doc;

2. Convene a committee to prioritize and strategize;

3. Obtain Act 250 expertise to inform our strategy.

Charlene: Are LM and BW/BC unified on this?

North Avenue Redesign: September 10 TEUC meeting at BPD, 6 pm

Active Living Workshop for the Plan BTV South End: Sept. 25, 26, 27
The BW/BC will attend the Thursday evening session in place of our regular September meeting. National expert Dan Burden of the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute will be leading the event. Attend one or all of the sessions. FREE