

Burlington Walk/Bike Council
Minutes of 4/32/15 Meeting

Present: RJ Lalumiere, Jim Brophy, Nic Anderson, Tony Redington, Stu Lindsay, Allen Turnbull, Charlene Wallace (facilitating), Serrill Flash, Sarah Goodrich, Greg Hostetler, Jason Van Driesche, Steve Norman (reporting)

Agenda:

Presentation by Jason: Pilots, Popups, and Demonstration Projects

Demonstrations can be transformative for bikers (especially infrequent bikers, or those on a long hiatus); for city staff; and for the general public. [Try streetmix.net, a design tool for redesigning rights-of-way, lanes, paths, buffers, sidewalks, etc.]

Links:

“Pilots and Pop-ups” presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pAdU9N2nYYen-9tPcVoDiOurcBZLiS6ER5A_iG3avOA/edit?pli=1#slide=id.gae02a3c7_1_31

Flyer for Union Street Project:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B OUY-z9bxald19wQ2tvb0xxM0k/edit?pli=1>

“Repurposing streets” doc:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwcUMVVO2UHARWlyRndrdE1ITmM/view?pli=1>

Area Projects in the works:

Burlington: Union Street demonstration from St. Paul in the south to just south of Main Street, probably to happen next month. Union to become one-way northbound all the way, with a two-way bike lane on the east side separated by traffic cones. Two-week planned duration[?].

Winooski: In discussions for a Weaver Street project, giving up the parking on the west side for a two-way protected bike lane, with two-way motor vehicle traffic on the east side in one traffic lane (a “queueing street,” where the rare conflict requires one car to duck into the parking lane or the bike lane while the other passes). The City wants to put some bike facilities on Weaver Street.

South Burlington: Jason and the S. Burl advocates have talked to Public Works about demonstrating a roundabout at Gregory Drive/Kimball Avenue, which has sidewalks on one side of Kimball and a multi-use path on the other. It would require innovation in the form of some temporary, low-impact obstructions delineating the circle, which would discourage cars from cutting the circle, but let large trucks pass over when turning. Low-profile pavers were suggested.

Updates:

“Way to Go Week”: will be TWO weeks this year.

Burlington Walk/Bike Master Plan: Charlene reports that Nicole says they’re recommending contracting with a partnership of Dubois & King and ORW, and StreetPlans. Contract should be let very soon, charettes to begin in May.

Charlene reports Burlington's DPW is down a couple of engineers, needs more staff. She brought a letter she had drafted for the Steering Committee asking the Mayor to add an additional walk/bike planning position to the budget that is being worked out right now. The letter was approved and City Council was added to the list of cc's.