

Burlington Walk/Bike Council  
Minutes of 9/26/13 Meeting

**Present:** Erik Brown Brotz (facilitating), R.J. Lalumiere, Phil Hammerslaugh, Stu Lindsay, David Hood, Tony Redington, Jesse Taylor, Lynn Eisenbrey, Barbara Mines, Charlene Wallace, Jay Catalano, Shoshanna Hitchcock (UVM), Jim Holway, Nicole Losch (DPW), Steve Norman (minutes)

**Parking in Bike Lanes recent advocacy:** Nicole reports that signs on North Avenue have been posted reinforcing that parking in marked bike lanes is automatically unlawful; the Police Department and the City Attorney have conferred on this. For good measure the DPW Commission will add this stretch to its list of designated “No Parking” zones.

**Go for Gold Updates:**

Once the new DPW Director has settled in the Mayor will appoint the Steering Committee (Nicole).

Bike Boxes: Examples of educational/promotional materials have been collected and can be adapted for Burlington’s use (Steve). The Street Engineer is studying the special problems at North Winooski/Pearl. Bike Boxes will probably get painted-in (there and at Union/Pearl) in the spring. (Nicole)

Riverside/Colchester/Barrett improvements implementation: Is on the CCRPC list but was pushed back by storm damages. It could be prioritized as part of their January 2014 mid-year adjustment. (Nicole)

Traffic calming measures on Locust Street: DPW has funding to install some of the recommendations at the east (uphill) end, probably after FY ‘14. A feasibility study was done in January. (Nicole)

“Bikes May Proceed on ‘Walk’ Signal” policy: State laws and city ordinances could permit it (Steve). City’s ped-signal engineer has concerns about it. (Nicole)

Colchester Avenue Sidewalk: Has gone out to bid, should go in this fall. (Nicole)

Flynn Avenue Sidewalk: Is still being negotiated with neighbors. (Nicole)

Bike Route Signage: (RJ) Will talk again with Nic Anderson and may re-do his previous survey.

Funding for a city Bike Plan: (Nicole) VTrans funding has been secured for a scoping study, to help identify concepts that can be built. Between the existing Transportation Plan and PlanBTV there are many proposals but we need to determine their practicality and cost/benefit profiles. There will be a public process for choosing proposals for the scoping study. Erik: A N. Winooski cycletrack? Nicole: The UVM students’ spring capstone project provides a start. The engineering is complex, with the many driveways and skewed intersections. The northern section would require removal of one side’s

parking. South of Union Street it's somewhat easier. Tony: a demonstration cycletrack on N.Union from Pearl to Winooski would cost \$30K - \$40K (for removable bollards). Nicole: DPW has looked at it; the width is a problem for maintenance (it would actually be a buffered bike lane, not a cycletrack).

**Advertising Plan for 2014:** Erik: We need to strengthen our Education and Encouragement. David: we'd do as well to spend the dollars on events and swag to give out or raffle. Lynn: do we have a banner? We do, we can display it at Secure Bike Parking (Charlene). David, Lynn, Phil and Stu will make up the advertising committee, looking to start by January to come up with stuff to order and events to piggyback on.

**Walk the City:** David and Jim Holway and Barbara Mines will ID walking routes, signs and a map, like Cycle the City but not a single continuous route; then promote it to the health industry. Charlene: LocalMotion is scoping a 'Walking Prescriptions' project, which could partner.

**Energy Tour on Oct. 5:** BED is organizing a tour of efficient homes and had asked if we wanted to lead tours but more recently said that's not needed.

**New Business:** Glenn Eames at Old Spokes Home asked about the planned accommodations for bikes at the St. Paul Street bus station; can bikes even get through? Nicole: no, they're trying to prohibit all vehicle traffic (except for cars parking at the state office building structure). There's no bike parking infrastructure, either, and no sidewalk on the west side. (Meredith Burkett of CCTA will be the guest speaker at our next meeting.)

Bike Party 9/27 and in October on Friday 10/25; Halloween Ride Sunday 10/27.