

Burlington Walk Bike Council (BWBC) April 2th, 2024 Meeting Notes

Joint Meeting of the Burlington Walk/Bike Council and South Burlington Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

The monthly meeting took place 5:30- 7:00 pm via Zoom and at the DPW Conference Room.

In-Person Attendees: Phillip Peterson (DPW), Erik Brotz*, Gordon Dragoon*, Jonathon Weber (Local Motion), Jack Evans (Local Motion), Havaleh Gagne**, Liza Boyle, Andy Tracy, Nolan Rogers, Bob Britt**, Doug Goodman**, Ken Burkman**, Nolan Rodgers, Gabe Nelson, Marty Gillies, Mark Pasanen**, Larry Kupferman, Serril Flash, Jak Tiano*, Tom Albarelli, Donna Leban**, Bob Leidy, Brian Doyle

Online Attendees: Jason Stuffle*, Carl Betz, Josh Minot**, Lou Bresee

* BWBC Coordinating Committee members ** S. Burlington Bike & Ped Committee members

1. Announcements & Updates

Nothing to report

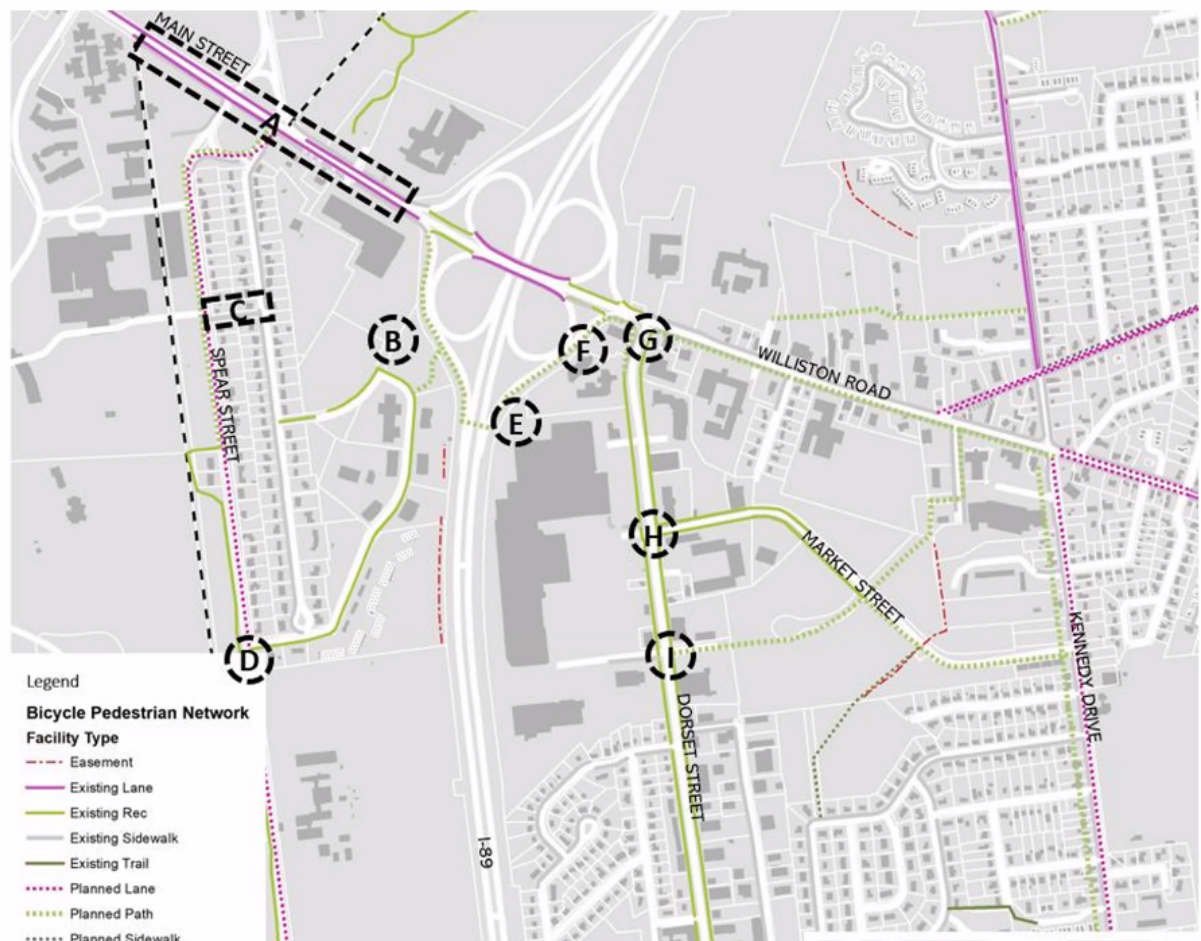
2. BWBC and SBBPC Introductions

- Erik gave background on the BWBC.
 - Advise city on issues related to walking and biking
 - Informal structure, no actual powers, currently coordinating committee of 5 people including Local Motion rep
 - Work mostly with Public Works but also Parks and provide input to City Council and committees
 - Summarized recent projects and topics, including proposed ordinance updates
 - Question on whether or not the proposed ordinance changes cover electric bikes. They do.
- Havaleh provided presentation on South Burlington BPC
 - presentation can be seen here:
<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7778/files/agenda/13526>
 - Structure
 - 10 members on 3 year staggered terms.
 - City Representative: Erica Quallen (Deputy Director of Capital Projects)
 - City Council Liaison: Mike Scanlon

- Integrated with DRB and review all developments and zoning changes
- Funding
 - “Penny for Paths” - 2018 voters agreed to 1 cent extra on tax rate to pay for shared use path construction
 - Fund has been used to leverage 3M dollars (6 years, 500k/yr approx)
- Current Activities
 - Active Transportation Plan
 - Working with *Safe Routes to Schools* task force
 - Safety, maintenance, and connection considerations for active transit
- Awarded Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze by *The League of American Bicyclists* in Spring 2021

3. I-89 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Connections

Referred to this map in the [recent memo](#) on connections to the bridge



- Funding seems to be solidly in place and the project “is a go”

- Marty had a question about stopping at the Staples Plaza. Whether or not that is a sticking point for folks in South Burlington
- Comments on the stopping points in SB. Both at the UMass and on Williston road. There is some flux on where it will be at UMass
- Comments on how to connect to the respective downtowns using the pedestrian bridge.
 - College Street is the sticking point for some people.
 - Nolan questioned if we could look at the memo for the pedestrian bridge to identify where the connections could occur
- Jack brought up that most of these connections will probably require a conversation with UVM. If people get off Quarry Hill the logical route is just going to be at UVM.
 - To help with wayfinding and ensuring access remains public
- Someone brought up that the Staples Plaza connection will be problematic no matter what here. The gas station curb cuts and the amount of space taken for cars turning will make things difficult on this corridor regardless
- Bob shared that parking is a major concern for UVM and they'd love for folks to take other modes of transit. They are unlikely to fight these proposals
- South Burlington does have a mailing list, we should probably ping out on both of our respective lists for any conversation around regional connections
- Mention of Winooski Bike Gang rides for regional bike rides - planned list of rides
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ys5x3q5HiarzPRsqY0cUXb_ESB1UQJjX7T7zI5XkhVM/view?gid=0#gid=0
- Going to have a coordinated group with Jack Evans, Gordon Dragoon, Nolan Something, and Josh Minot to discuss this further