

# Burlington Walk Bike Council (BWBC)

## September 3rd, 2025 Meeting Notes

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

**In-Person Attendees:** Erik Brotz\*, Bob Leidy, Philip Peterson (DPW), Jack Evans\* (Local Motion), Jak Tiano, Jason Stuffle\*, Melissa Needham (VDH)

**Online Attendees:** none

\* BWBC Coordinating Committee members

### 1. Announcements & Updates

- Bob
  - There is a Williston walk audit. AARP is organizing a walk audit there, Local Motion is part of it too. September 20th 10a-2p.
  - Colchester has two big projects that everyone can have an impact on. The road along Mallets Bay needs work, and Mallets Bay Avenue as well.
  - The third thing is America Walks will have a workshop on Oct 28th online event for walking in Vermont.
  - Last, AARP has grants they are looking for by Oct 3rd, \$4,000 six available.
- Jack
  - There's an Old Spokes Home event at Zero Gravity tonight.

### 2. Updates on Current Demonstration Projects

- North Ave
  - Phillip: Phase 1 application is approved at top speed, and Phase 2 is received about a week ago. We have all the vertical delineators that we'd need for the projects ready to go.
  - Jack: My main question was going to be "do we need a grant for the delineators" but it sounds like no.
- Bike Coralls
  - Bob: Nic (from ChamplainC College) told me that he has tons of corrals, but I couldn't find any.
  - Jason: There used to be one on cherry street that was big and shaped like a car, but it disappeared one day.
  - Overall, we're having a hard time finding corrals to use in the bike project.
  - Jack: Does DPW have an inventory for these quick build materials?
  - Phillip: Not on the tip of my tongue, but we do have a bunch of stuff. Will look into finding the one that used to be on Cherry St.
  - Jack: Local Motion is doing a state grant right now, and we're looking at putting it towards a lending library for quick build materials.
  - Erik: Would AARP grant for a Bike Corral?

- Maybe, but you'd have to prove that it benefits 65+ demographics.

### 3. Review takeaways from Regional Advocates Meetup

- Jack presented - a copy of the presentation can be found here:  
<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/8033/overview>
- 35 Attendees from Burlington, South Burlington, Winooski, Williston, and Essex Junction
- Bike Route Reporting Tool
  - A community led way for people to show where bike connections exist, since CCRPC data is not up to date
  - Hopefully eventually leads to a map for stress
  - CCRPC's stress metrics are not great
- Connectivity Maps
  - Used to identify pain points on inter-community bike routes
  - Pine Street -> Waterfront Connection is rough because the pine street path doesn't connect well to the waterfront
  - Winooski Bridge came up a lot, and the CoBaRi intersection
  - Exit 14, including getting to the bike path, is a big pain point
  - The Spear St underpass
  - Riverside and Winooski
  - (Jason brings up Exit 15)
- Idea boards
  - Challenges
    - Driver behavior
    - Minor network gaps
    - Cars always given priority & parking
    - "Seasonal" paint
      - Discussion about what is preventing this from happening, in that there's not enough labor to get this work done
      - Jason asks if you could organize a neighborhood group to paint crosswalks in their neighborhood
      - Phillip - liability issues with city using volunteers to do street work, but there is money to hire people part-time.
    - Lack of protected/separated East/West connections
    - Signalized intersection times
    - Plowing
  - Big Ideas
    - College -> Downtown Connector
    - Limiting Access to Cars for Streets
- Conversations among participants at the meetup
  - "Disappearing Bike Lanes" on White St
  - E-bike Storage in Fire Code
  - Rt 15 Network Gap in Essex Junction
  - Williston Road improvements
  - Traffic Calming policies and projects

- Elected Officials Ride
- Key Takeaways
  - Focus on few protected corridors; *we should identify these*
  - Expand on low stress networks; *we should pursue traffic calming*
  - Prioritize maintenance; *we should advocate for budget*
  - Involve the decision makers; *we should communicate more frequently with electeds*

#### **4. BWBC Priorities for coming year**

- What's Next?
  - Host the Mayor and Council for meetings
  - Elected officials ride
  - Pilot closed streets
  - Continue to pursue and improve demonstration projects
  - Host community open houses
  - Expand Council, contacts, and connections with other groups
  - Strategize for winter plowing & spring striping
  - Collaborate on priority networks action plan
- Comprehensive plan discussion
- Mayors ride soon?
- Question: what happened to the speed bumps piloted on Grove Street last year?
  - Too loud for the neighborhood.
  - What happens in the future?
  - The follow through is trying a new product to see what we'll invest in. Pilots to see what is and isn't working.