

Wards 1 & 8 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

11 December 2019

UVM Medical Center's McClure Lobby Conference Room

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

6:45 Refreshments and Open House

AGENDA

Facilitator: Cindy Cook

Recorder: Phet Keomanvanh, CEDO

7:00 Introductions and Speak-out

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Advisory Committee; 2) Discuss Ward 1 and Ward 8 Community

Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Representatives & Alternates - Election at January 8, 2020 NPA meeting. 3) NPA Budgets

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[Jack Hanson](#), [Adam Roof](#)

9:00 Adjourn

Free Parking is available in the lot across from the McClure entrance. The City will provide free child care, if it is requested in advance of the meeting.

NPA Members: [Cindy Cook](#) (1), [Caryn Long](#) (1), [Liv Peña](#) (1), [Carol Livingston](#) (1),
[Jonathan Chapple-Sokol](#) (1), [Linda Rizvi](#) (8), [Hannah King](#) (8)

Contact information also available on our CEDO NPA website:

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-1-NPA>

Ward 1/8 NPA – December 2019

East Avenue Traffic Calming & Crosswalk Request Status

Traffic Calming Program Status

Project Manager: Nicole Losch, nlosch@burlingtonvt.gov, 865-5833

DPW's traffic calming program was created in the late 1990's and has not been updated since the early 2000's. Requests are neighborhood-initiated and projects advance in the order they are received. This first-in, first-out process does not always serve the community or staff well. In May 2015, DPW hired Cope & Associates to identify ways to improve and update the program. While that study progressed, fewer traffic calming projects advanced and the queue continued to grow.

DPW received the East Ave traffic calming petition in May 2017. At that time, 8 other streets were already in the queue for traffic calming improvements.

The final recommendations of Cope study will be presented to the DPW Commission at their December 18, 2019 meeting. These improvements include:

1. Redesign the intake process, policy, and forms
2. Formalize the process for gathering internal stakeholder input
3. Expedite and streamline the process and apply technical standards already adopted by the City and/or State
4. Separate Neighborhood Enhancements from Traffic Calming projects (that have a demonstrable speed, volume, or crash condition) and develop an annual budget for each program
5. Revise the process and policy for community input in traffic calming projects

In essence, these changes will prioritize traffic calming projects that address identified traffic safety issues (e.g. vehicle speed, vehicle volume, and/or crashes on a street). Using these thresholds, traffic calming projects will be separated from neighborhood enhancements, design treatments will be clear and tiered toward the different types of streets (e.g. total traffic volume, total truck traffic, number of travel lanes, etc.), and design standards will be developed for the traffic calming and neighborhood enhancement treatments.

This new program will be launched in 2020 following this proposed schedule:

December 2019 – DPW hires consultants to draft the new Traffic Calming & Neighborhood Enhancement Program Guide

March 2020 – draft recommendations will be presented to DPW and that separate the project types

April 2020 – data will be collected on streets in the current queue that do not yet have data

June 2020 – draft program presented to DPW Commission

July 2020 – DPW hires consultants to manage projects (this will likely include East Avenue)

September 2020 – final program guide is complete

East Ave / Bilodeau Ct Crosswalk Improvement Status

Project Manager: Madeline Suender, Associate Public Works Engineer, msuender@burlingtonvt.gov, 802-735-5324

DPW has received numerous requests to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at the existing crosswalk across East Ave at Bilodeau Ct. The existing condition is a marked crosswalk with pedestrian crossing signage and an in-street pedestrian crossing sign. To evaluate this request, DPW utilizes the Vermont Agency of Transportation *Guidelines for Pedestrian Crossing Treatments* and the Burlington Crosswalk Guidelines.

The current recommendations from VTrans and Burlington Crosswalk Guidelines are being met at the East Ave/Bilodeau Ct crossing for a striped and signed crosswalk based on the 2018 vehicle data and 2013 pedestrian data from a nearby intersection, Burlington's Crosswalk Guidelines the crossing does not meet guideline requirements for the installation of a RRFB.

The City is prepared to collect additional traffic and pedestrian counts at this location in 2020. Upon receiving these counts, the evaluation using the VTrans and Burlington Crosswalk Guidelines will be compared against the guidelines requirements for a RRFB.

DPW's standard practice is to examine the existing condition that may have contributed to pedestrian /vehicle incidents resulting in personal injury. Our review includes reviewing accident reports, go on site to determine if all necessary design elements are in place, light levels, clear lines of sight, and existing sign package.

At the Bilodeau and East Avenue Crosswalk, the existing light levels at the intersection were confirmed to meet Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) lighting standards. However, to further improve visibility at this location, DPW has coordinated with Burlington Electric Department and brighter LED lights have been installed at this location as of 12/6/19. The Parks Department, in coordination with DPW, has also made continual efforts to trim the vegetation at this intersection on the west side of the road to improve visibility of pedestrians coming down the path to ensure adequate stopping sight distance is being met. In addition, the City obtained geometric information at the intersection to look into lane allocation and configuration.

Lastly, DPW is currently in the process of gathering crash data both for the near term incident, as well as the 5 year history for this particular location. The crash data will be useful for better understanding if there exist a patterns of issues that would suggest modifications to the existing built condition would improve the level of safety.

Colchester Chase Crosswalk Update

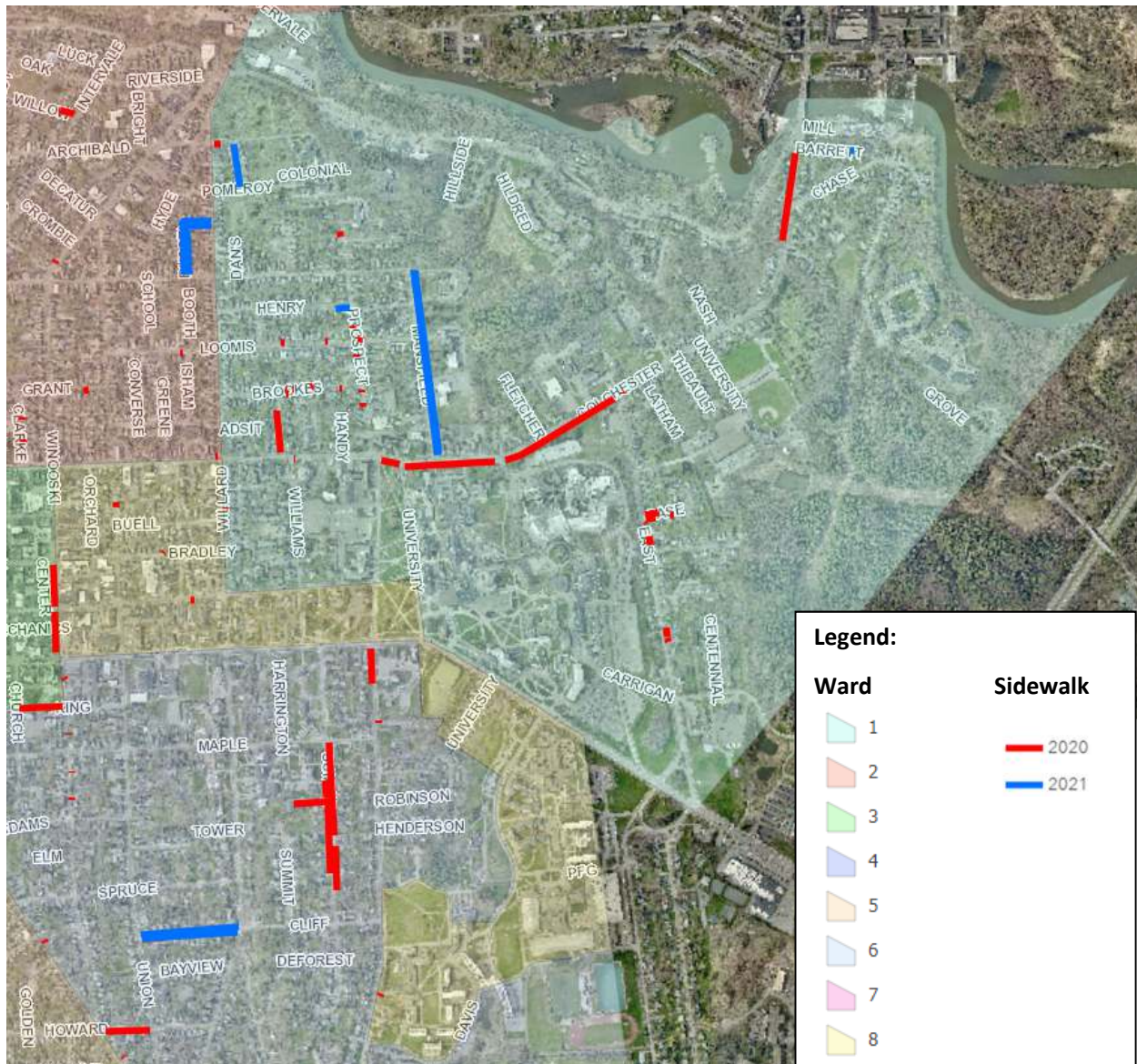
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The midblock crossing on Colchester Ave at Chase St is planned to be striped 12/12/19 and RRFBs will be installed. The quick build bump out will be painted this season, weather permitting, or early in the spring of 2020.

Sidewalk Update

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Sidewalk Work Plan



Ward	Request	House #	Street Name	Notes	2020 (Feet)	2021 (Feet)
1	3467211, 16110	195	Archibald St	crumbled	40	
		49	Brookes Ave	crumbled	10	
	4685740	54		cracked	15	
	6080965	101		crumbled	15	
		62		cracked	15	
		76		cracked	10	
		19	Case	grade change	45	
	6386184, 6386200		Colchester Ave	Chase - Riverside (east)	770	
	Grant funded			side path: Prospect – East Ave (south side)	2000	
	4153	206	East Ave	cracked	85	
	4153	218			40	
		102		gaps	55	
		120		crumbled	85	
		112		vertical displacement, gaps	40	
			Germain	Archibald - Pomeroy (west side)		375
	6190908	101	Henry	tree, gaps		120
	Resident email	180	Loomis	vertical displacement	25	
	Councilor Bushor	210		crumbled	25	
	6190880	146		crumbled, gaps	25	
	Capital		Mansfield	side path: All (east side)		1500
	6191015	49	N Prospect	vertical displacement	20	
	6191042	89		crumbled	20	
	6516971	179		crumbled, gaps	50	
		44	S Willard	vertical displacement	20	
	Resident email	14	S Williams/Pearl	curb ramps	20	
		33	Williams	crumbled, gaps	20	
		21-15		gaps	365	
		50	Barrett	cracked, crumbled		30
8		8/12	Bradley	vertical displacement	10	
		38		vertical displacement	15	
		325	College	cracked	20	
	6987483	460	S Prospect	panels missing and gaps	30	
		34	S Union		40	

- This list is subject to change based on budget approvals, contract pricing, weather, etc.
- Total sidewalk 2020 work plan is budgeted at an estimated \$1.7M with the following production outcomes:

	Length (Feet)
Short Run	6,250
Long Run	12,150

- 31% of the outstanding sidewalk SeeClickFix requests will be addressed in this 2020 sidewalk plan.
- Sidewalk assessment: DPW is working with a consultant to update the city-wide sidewalk condition assessment in 2020. The last assessment was completed in 2014.
- Upcoming meetings involving sidewalk projects:
 - o DPW will be presenting the proposed 2020 sidewalk work list to the DPW Commission: Wednesday, Dec 18, 6:30PM 645 Pine St Front Conference Room.
 - o Mansfield Ave side path meeting: Tuesday, Dec 17, 6:00PM UVMCC McClure Conference Room

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Draft MINUTES

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Recorder: Carol Livingston

Steering Committee members present: Cindy Cook, Carol Livingston, Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Hannah King, Caryn Long, Oliva Peña

Meeting Start : 7:00pm

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Ave Advisory Committee:

Jonathan read Nicole Losch's announcement with details of this position: 3 meetings during the spring, solicits opinions & informs NPA

David Cawley - Nash Place - attended last Wednesday's mtg; excited about project; resident for 28 years; background = engineering studies, familiar with doing technical studies; Dave was elected unanimously.

Richard Hilyard volunteered to be alternate; has participated in a number of Ward 1 committees

2) Discuss Ward 1 and Ward 8 Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Representatives & Alternates - Election at January 8, 2020 NPA meeting. Federal grant set up to address issues of poverty. Fed. govt gives money for housing in the form of block grants. Burlington decides how to spend \$ for its block grant & has set up a citizen committee (city official, state official, reps from every ward) to decide who gets the grant \$. Past grants to provide services to citizens; most goes to development of housing in the city. ½ million \$: 100,000 to public service; \$300 - 400,000 to Development

3) NPA Budgets - SC creating proposed budget: looking at funding food for meetings; annual block party; mics; publicity for our meetings; live streaming meetings

Speak-out/Announcements:

BHS Construction Oversight Comm - monthly updates on 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:00 at

BHS.

India House has closed - FPF survey posted until 12/20. Please give your feedback.

Patricia Seelan & Dave Cawley are spearheading this effort.

Mark Hughes - exhibit at Fletcher Free Library - Racial Justice Alliance supporting:

First Africans Exhibit - exhibit through this Sunday, 12/15

7:25 UVM Housing Study - Tom Hier/Lisa Kingsbury

Focus will be on housing for juniors, seniors, & med/grad students.

Tom Hier = UVM consultant; Lisa is UVM project manager

What students are interested in; met with CEDO this pm;

Slide show on CEDO NPA website:

Original housing master plan in 2015 restructured housing & his firm was charged to update master plan and update data analysis, as well as local market analysis update. Focus on jrs and seniors - preferences (fr & soph required to live on campus)

71% want to live off-campus, typical nationally. Geography - being between campus & downtown = key reason to live off-campus. Cost is an issue, but costs on & off campus are comparable. 20% jrs on campus & 10-15% seniors on campus; jurs & srs clearly favor an indep living situation -

Key issue = students want to live off-campus, so how can we minimize negative impact & maximize positive impact.

Grad students - need more square ft, income = stipend so fewer resources for high cost housing

Needs: better info about housing & navigating Burl - new to area, to country; tough for int'l students; looking for community

7:55 Vermont State Legislators - Brian Cina, Barbara Rachelson (part of Wards 1 & 8)

Selene Colburn and Chris Pearson were unable to attend but will come in January.

Brian - most of ward 1, a little of ward 8, some of ward 2 - health care comm; AI task force

Our legislators want to hear our priorities for legislation for the 2020 session.

Bills from last year still alive, sitting in committees. Deadline for new leg was 12/1.

Student feedback: lack of communication with students -

Brian posting on Facebook, some on Twitter; FPF; knocking during campaign; NPA meetings; caucus meetings

Barbara: thinking of going to campuses; legislative column in on-campus Publications;

Both looking for ideas for better connections; not allowed to leave flyers or post Flyers. If UVM allowed this then leg'ors could set up meetings on campus.

Concern about State funding for homeless - domestic violence & shelters

How give local support from state level - expanding street outreach team

(Howard); expanding opioid & substance treatment in prison system; low-barrier shelter funding increase; support for low-barrier employment.

Leg'ive committee meetings are public - VPR apps; published in variety of ways; can also email legislators.

Chitt. Reg. Correctional center - BR, SC, BC on Women's Caucus & getting info about

corrections & proposing solutions for reform; women's sentences are unjust -
recidivism rate is high - spending lots of \$ without effective results
Info about to do list - bills they sponsor, co-sp is listed on website tied to their names;
Introducing ideas/bills are publicized - will try to post on FPF

8:15 East Avenue Safety and Sidewalk Update - DPW Staff

Plans for sidewalk improvements focusing on added segments; follow-up on East Ave. Safety.

Nicole - East Ave traffic calming - process revising; separate traffic calming from neighborhood enhancements.

Norm Baldwin - city engineer - East Ave crosswalk - guidelines. Doesn't currently meet guidelines for RFB; will do more info collection - volume of pedestrians crossing; after accident occurs look at crosswalk - asked to boost levels of illumination; interim steps to improve safety; looking at history of crosswalk & looking at what is correctable.

Colchester & Chase - flashing beacon -

Sidewalk tentative list for sidewalk work

Feedback from NPA member: Use of traffic calming bolsters impede and endanger Bicyclists

Response to petition about safety issues on East Ave:

DPW - traffic calming program; data collection will move East Ave to top of list - spring, summer of 2020 - 11 communities. Done vegetation clearing, RRFB

Brief report from Jason Williams (liaison from UVM Med. Ctr) about helicopter flying patients to helipad to MEd. Ctr; SEE HANDOUTS

Boundary shapes shifted west & east boundaries shifted over Cent. woods; have to be careful of shifting into airport traffic.

Key change - above 500 feet; learned this isn't very high. Asking pilots to avoid red areas; can't avoid noise at any ht, so avoiding area is key to improve noise

Moving helipad to medical campus = long-term goal

Make revisions to map annually with review in May

8:35 City councilors reports (including parking ordinance update) - Sharon Bushor, Jack Hanson, Adam Roof

Sharon - Ordinance committee - looking at housing summit ordinances (ADU, short-term rentals, parking standards) ADU - 800 sq ft max.

Short-term rentals - not discussed in comm; eliminate minimum parking requirements in new developments - 200 feet back from center line

Joint committee - January 14

Jack - attending joint committees; elimination of minimum parking requirements - partnered with travel arrangements/patterns to replace parking demands - focusing on transportation Impacts

Looking at fare-free bus lines - purple only one; looking at others in city - expand in next budget year

Ranked voting - city council sent to charter change committee - not happening in March, but may be on ballot in November.

Adam - committee on reviewing policing policies - meeting regularly; prioritizing work on use of force and citizen overview; charter change - all resident voting - city council and then ballot in March??

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Meeting End: 9:00pm