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Burlington Walk / Bike Council Agenda

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Meeting Options:

- 1. In-person - small DPW conference room at 645 Pine Street, Burlington**
- 2. Virtually - using Zoom**

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Previous Meeting – The meeting notes from the September 1 meeting and the Proposed Walk-Bike Projects List from DPW can be found [here](#).

AGENDA

1. Introductions, brief BWBC overview, review agenda (5 min)

2. Announcements and Public Comments (10 min)

3. Update on Queen City Park Road (5 min)

Peter Keating will report on the first meeting of the Advisory Committee for Queen City Park Road.

4. Continued Discussion of Draft DPW Work Plan for 2022 Walk-Bike Projects (40 min)

After reviewing the DPW proposed list of projects for next year at the September meeting, BWBC circulated a survey to obtain feedback the proposal. Results of the survey will be discussed and may result in recommendations for DPW.

5. Next Steps (5 min)

Identify any follow-up actions and items to discuss at the next meeting.

Next Month: BWBC Meeting, Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

The BWBC is an all-volunteer advisory council to the City of Burlington. We work closely with and advise the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront on infrastructure improvements and policy changes for walking and bicycling. The council also leads advocacy efforts and organizes events and activities that promote and celebrate walking and biking in Burlington and beyond.

BWBC Community Liaisons

Erik Brown Brotz, Ward 5, erik@burlingtontelecom.net, Chair

Greg Hostetler, Ward 2

Faith Ingulsrud, Ward 6

Peter Keating, Ward 6
Justine Sears, Ward 3
Karen Sentoff, Ward 4
Jason Stuffie, Ward 1
Kerry Swift, Ward 4
Allegra Williams, Ward 3

Burlington Walk Bike Council Meeting

October 6, 2021, 6:00- 7:00 pm via Zoom and at DPW Office

Attendees: Faith Ingulsrud (Ward 6 liaison and substitute meeting chair), Jason Stuffle (Ward 1 liaison), Jonathan Weber (Local Motion), Nicole Losch (DPW), Serrill Flash (East Ave), Peter Keating (Ward 6 liaison), Tony Reddington, Greg Hostetler (Ward 3 liaison), Curt McCormack, Doug Goodman, David Brantley (UVM STVT intern), Jason Segelman

Meeting Notes

1. Announcements and Public Comments

Faith noted that she was substituting for Erik Brotz as he was not able to attend. She introduced David Brantley, a UVM intern with the Sustainable Transportation Planning Program who will be working on some projects for BWBC and DPW this fall.

Serrill raised concerns about the slow progress in painting the sharrows and the thin paint on those that have been done this season. Others also shared their concerns and stressed the need for proper placement of the symbols - as large as possible in the center of the lane. Colchester Avenue and North Winooski Ave were mentioned as example locations requiring better sharrow painting.

Tony commented that intersections on North Street and at Pine and Locust are the most dangerous locations in the city and pointed out that RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons) don't create sufficient safety for pedestrians. He would like to see mini-roundabouts in both locations to slow traffic more effectively and make them safer and more equitable.

2. Update on Queen City Park Road

Peter and Doug explained the context for the [Queen City Park Road scoping study](#) and their recent participation in the first advisory committee meeting. Both are members. Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is leading the study with participation from the cities of Burlington and South Burlington. The study area extends from Oakledge Park to Hannafords.

They encouraged everyone to complete the survey on the bicycle and pedestrian connections for the study area (use of a computer recommended over mobile device): [Pedestrian Connections Study \(tooledesign.github.io\)](#)

3. Continued Discussion of Draft DPW Work Plan for 2022 Walk-Bike Projects

Jonathon presented the results of 70+ responses from the survey that BWBC distributed through the various walk-bike lists for Burlington, as a response to the list of primarily bikeway projects for 2022 that DPW presented at the September meeting and posted here: https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/BikewayProjects-2022draft_BWBC.pdf.

The survey results are [provided online](#) with these meeting notes. Jonathan summarized the results as follows:

Top 3 larger projects:

1. Battery Street road diet
2. Pearl Street remove parking
3. Main Street bike Lanes

Top 3 smaller projects:

1. Pine St protected bike lanes
2. Pearl St protected bike lanes
3. North Ave protected bike lanes

Top 3 issues addressed in open comments:

1. Traffic Calming and bike infrastructure on Shelburne Street
2. North Ave repaving
3. Driver enforcement/education

Tony Reddington noted that the focus here is on bicycle projects but pedestrian projects are more important as walking is universal. Recognizing that walking improvements are important too, Jonathan noted this was intended to be a discussion of bikeway projects and Nicole indicated that another group within DPW manages the crosswalk/sidewalk improvements. She said that better internal cross-communication is needed in coordinating planning for walking and biking infrastructure projects. That said, the list addresses a number of intersections and traffic calming projects.

Nicole responded to the subsequent discussion with the following points:

- Improvements on Shelburne Street are planned by the city but waiting until the Shelburne Street roundabout is done as well as portions of the Champlain Parkway. Once design for Battery Street (2022-2023) is finished the city will move on to Shelburne St. improvements.
- The City Council is working on a sustainable infrastructure bond vote for a special election vote in December. If not passed the improvements will revert to previous levels of maintenance (i.e. 1 mile of sidewalk instead of 3 miles per year). It's hard to tell at this time what additional federal funding will be available.

- Anticipated sidewalk and crosswalk improvements can be assembled for discussion at the next BWBC meeting.
- There is a plan to expand the crosswalk to accommodate the high volume of pedestrians at the University Heights crossing of Main Street. VTrans may be able to get to it in the next Route 2 repaving or if the next bond passes, the city may be able to do it sooner.

Tony said that the city should focus on intersection safety in the locations known to be dangerous, especially North Winooski and North Street where there have been 1.5 pedestrian injuries/year. He would like to see demonstration projects for mini-roundabouts at the 20 intersections that are unsafe for pedestrians - stressing that these can be inexpensive. Nicole responded that the city can tackle only so many projects per year. She anticipates being able to start a mini roundabout pilot next year and said the city needs good design and documentation to maximize public acceptance and success of mini-roundabouts.

Nicole reflected on the projects highlighted by the survey and offered her appreciation for the helpful feedback.

4. Next Steps

1. Nicole agreed to provide a draft list of 2022 projects for sidewalk and crosswalk/intersection improvements for discussion at the next meeting
2. There was general agreement that BWBC should find ways to support the likely bond vote this winter - since that will be critical to maintaining the current pace of progress in walk-bike improvements.

Faith thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7 PM.