

North Avenue Corridor - Vision and Goals

Corridor Vision Statement

North Avenue will continue to serve as the primary transportation corridor connecting Burlington's New North End with the rest of the City. As the North End's "Main Street," North Avenue will provide for **safe, inviting, and convenient travel for all users of all ages and abilities** —including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders. **The need to move people through the corridor will be balanced with the need to provide access to homes, businesses, and local institutions.** The corridor will develop into an **attractive public space** through creative streetscape, signage, and other site design features. The corridor will become more **livable and desirable by promoting social interaction, public health, economic development, and environmental sustainability** initiatives.

Goals

Remake the North Ave corridor into a "Complete Street" that accommodates the safe and efficient travel for all users of all abilities and provides transportation choices.

- Achieve a world class transportation corridor that offers quality of service and highest safety for those who walk, bicycle, and travel by motor vehicle or transit.
- Identify near-term improvements that can be implemented now to improve the safe and convenient accommodation of all corridor users.
- Develop a longer-term plan for fully remaking the corridor according to "Complete Streets" principals.

Improve safety for all users.

- Pedestrians – improve condition of sidewalks and upgrade to meet current ADA standards; identify convenient/desirable crossing locations; and incorporate high visibility and driver awareness measures at crosswalks.
- Bicyclists – provide dedicated space and bicycle treatments to form a continuous, high quality bicycle corridor that facilitates travel in and out of the New North End.
- Design facilities with all users in mind including children and seniors.
- Address high crash locations and congested locations.
- Improve access management and left turn accommodations on the corridor to reduce conflicts.
- Calm traffic and moderate travel speeds.

Provide a range of convenient and efficient travel options and improve multimodal connections.

- Promote transportation options.
- Improve transit service in the corridor:
 - Reduce headways

- Add shelters
- Increase span of service during the day and weekend service
- Ensure efficient flow of buses along the corridor
- Improve access (sidewalks, bike access) to transit shelters/stops
- Improve pedestrian facilities.
- Develop a safe, efficient and continuous bicycle network.
- Promote Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives in the corridor.

Develop strategies that support vibrant and livable neighborhoods in the New North End; enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors; and support sustainable economic growth.

- Improve the visual character with streetscape treatments and other amenities that promote and enhance the pedestrian environment and public realm.
- Create attractive and inviting public spaces.
- Support economic development consistent with City planning objectives
- Enact supportive zoning/land use regulations including those that address building location and urban design specific to the corridor.
- Incorporate sustainable design practices.