



Winooski Transportation Plan Community Meeting #2 Public Meeting #2 Meeting Notes

DATE: Monday, April 25, 2016
TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
PLACE: O'Brien Center, 32 Malletts Bay Avenue, Winooski
PRESENT: Please see end of document

1) Welcome and Study Overview

Deac Decarreau, Winooski City Manager, welcomed everyone and explained that tonight's meeting is an opportunity for participants to share their priorities for transportation improvements.

2) Presentation of the Study Activities

Dave Saladino of VHB made a presentation (available at: <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/corridors-circulation/winooski-transportation-master-plan/>). Dave reviewed the project schedule:

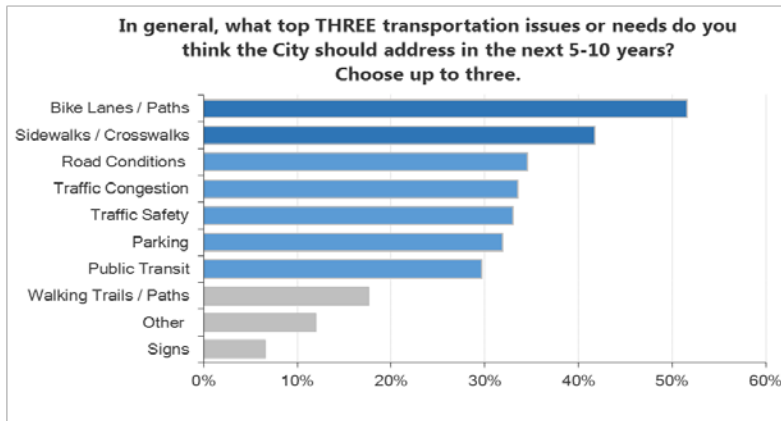
Project Kick-off	May 2015
Existing Conditions	Summer 2015
Vision Statement	Summer – Fall 2015
Public Outreach – Round 1	September – November 2015
Future Conditions Assessment	November – December 2015
Strategies & Recommendations	January – April 2016
Public Outreach – Round 2	April – May 2016
Transportation Master Plan	May – June 2016

Dave discussed the public input to date which culminated in a Goals Statement:

Winooski's future transportation system will:

- Promote a **vibrant downtown** with safe and connected sidewalks, efficient bicycle network, adequate parking to support local businesses, and attractive public spaces for the community to gather.
- Support thriving, **well-connected neighborhoods** where slow vehicle speeds allow for safe walking and biking with access to neighborhood activity centers and local businesses.
- **Reduce commuter vehicle traffic in residential areas** of the City.
- Promote **visually pleasing gateway corridors and neighborhood spaces** that accommodate the safe and efficient multimodal movement of all people of all ages and abilities.

Dave summarized the top priorities that emerged out of the first round of public outreach, which included four focus groups, an online survey, door-to-door outreach, and the first public meeting. The area ranked highest by respondents was infrastructure improvements for bicycles and pedestrians:



3) Community Input: Identify Priority Projects

Dave took participants through an exercise that reviewed possible improvements and had everyone rank their top three priorities on scoring sheets. The results will be combined with online survey results to identify the top ranked improvements. Improvements are divided into bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, street and parking facilities, and policy/general recommendations:

Bicycle Facilities:

Winooski River Bridge - Provide bicycle connections across the bridge	St. Peter Street - add bike lane or shared use lane
Weaver Street - install new bike facility to connect to Main Street (includes sections of Tigan Street and West Allen Street)	Stevens Street - add shared use lane markings
Malletts Bay Avenue - implement a short-term pilot evaluation of protected bike lanes (by replacing on-street parking with bike lanes) between Colchester town line to Elm Street	Franklin St. & George St. - install bicycle facility to connect LaFountain Street to Elementary School.
Malletts Bay Avenue - install shared use lane markings from Elm Street to West Allen Street	Downtown - add shared use lane markings on specified local streets.
LaFountain Street - Add bike lane or shared use lane markings	West Center St. & Weaver St. - add bicycle lane / shared use lane
VT 15 - evaluate potential bicycle facility connections to proposed VT 15 multi-use path	Extend Champlain Mill Path to new path along Railroad ROW
East Allen Street - replace merge lane with bike lane from Cascade Way towards Abenaki Way	New path along Railroad ROW between Clifford / River, across Winooski River, and to Intervale Road.
Hood Street - install bike lane or shared use lane from East Allen Street to LaFountain Street	

Pedestrian Facilities:

East Spring Street - construct new sidewalk from Russell St to East Allen Street	Main / Normand intersection - construct raised median island and RRFB
North Street - construct new sidewalk from Pine St to Cedar Street	Main Street from Platt Street to Union Street - install crosswalk, median, and RRFB
Hood Street - construct new sidewalk from East Allen Street to LaFountain Street	Main Street north of Burling St - install crosswalk, median, and RRFB
Malletts Bay / Elm / St Peter - Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Main / LaFountain / Stevens intersection - install crosswalk

Street & Parking Facilities:

Barlow Street - Identify opportunities to utilize a portion of Church parking lot for City	East Allen Street - evaluate gateway enhancements (e.g. conduct an assessment from Abenaki Way to Roland Court to evaluate opportunities to enhance safety, accessibility, and aesthetics)
Woolen Mill - work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify opportunities for structured parking lot in this area	Main Street - evaluate gateway enhancements (e.g. improvements to Tigan Street and LaFountain / Stevens intersections)
Casavant Natural Area - construct emergency / service vehicle access road to Casavant Natural Area	Malletts Bay Avenue - evaluate gateway enhancements in concert with potential plans for relocation of City Hall to the O'Brien Community Center Lot

Policy & General Recommendations:

Expand public transit service	Establish City roadway cross-section standards (lane and shoulder widths, pavement thicknesses, green strip requirements, etc)
Promote Chittenden County commuter rail service	City to discourage conversion to one-way streets and avoid creation of dead-end streets
Discourage motor freight traffic from using neighborhood streets and direct such traffic to truck routes.	Monitor Circulator operations
Evaluate accessibility of pedestrian network	Implement a traffic calming policy for the City of Winooski
Evaluate downtown parking system (rates, geographic limits, time limits)	Union Street - designate as a truck route to connect between Main Street and Malletts Bay Avenue

4) Wrap-Up, Thank You, and Next Steps

A draft of the Transportation Plan will be reviewed by the Winooski Public Works Commission in June followed by implementation based on available funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Participants

Fred & Ellen	Ambuhl
Clara	Beech
Irene	Bowman
Gabriel	Ely
Seth	Leonard
Corey	Mack
Dylan	Martin
Molly	Robin-Abbott
Greg	Roughton
Nance	Spence
Richard	Suitor
Brian	Sweeney
Tammy	Taylor
Gary	Taylor
Sandy	Thibault
Cathy	Ward
Gillian	Weill
Terry	Zimond

Others: Deac Decarreau, City Manager; Peter Wernsdorfer, Winooski DPW; Marshall Distel, CCRPC; Dave Saladino, VHB; Diane Meyerhoff, Third Sector Associates.

Additional Comments:

I've given more thought to your question about the future of the Burlington - Winooski bridge. From a functional (not engineering) standpoint, I don't think the bridge is salvageable. I'd support replacing it (as should have been done 15 years ago) with a design that better accommodates all modes and enables an intelligent, safe redesign of the Colchester - Riverside - Barrett - Mill Sts intersection. We're obliged to continue short-term repairs of the existing structure, but I wouldn't support any big investment in an attempt to prolong its life. It is functionally outmoded, in my opinion, and it's time to save up our nickels and replace it properly. Tom Buckley, via email, April 25, 2016

**Winooski Transportation Plan Meeting #2 Evaluation Form
April 25, 2016, O'Brien Community Center, 6:30PM**

4 Responses

1. How did you hear about the Meeting? (check all that apply)

a) Email from Friend/Colleague		f) Seven Days Calendar	
b) Email from Sponsors	1	g) City Website/Listserv	1
c) Email from Other		h) WCSPC	
d) Flyer	1	i) Other (please describe)	
e) Front Porch Forum	2		

2. Please rate the following aspects of the meeting:

Aspect	Fantastic	Very Good	Good	OK	Poor	Terrible
Presentation		2	2			
Community Dialog		3	1			
Physical facilities for this event		3	1			
Amount of time allowed for input		1	2	1		
Overall value of this event to you		1	2	1		

Proposals did not strongly affect me – luck of the draw – a lot of info was presented reasonably in a reasonable time.

3. Anything else you'd like to share with us? (Feel free to use the back side!)

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