

**Old North End Bikeway/Pedestrian Safety/Stormwater project
Project Advisory Committee Meeting #3
September 3, 2020**

Zoom Meeting

Present:

Ethan Waldman, NPA Ward 3 Resident

Mary Manghis, Burlington Walk Bike Council

Max Madalinski, Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront

Elizabeth Gohringer, Burlington Department of Public Works

Bryan Davis and Marshall Distel, CCRPC

Lucy Gibson and Stephanie Weyer, Toole Design Group

Agenda and Notes

1. Welcome – the team welcomed PAC members
2. Summary of work to date – PAC members had previewed the recording and concepts on the project website. Toole Design provided a brief review of the revised concepts.
3. Summary of project outreach – Bryan and Elizabeth gave an overview of outreach which included the public meeting on August 19, emails to specific people and groups in the project area and with an interest in the project, fliers to businesses and organizations in and near the project area, development of concepts signs by DPW to be installed the week of September 8, solicitation of public comments using Konvio software online, and translation and posting of translated concepts.
4. Review and discuss public comments received – the PAC discussed comments received through the online Konvio platform.
 - PAC member James Sherrard, DPW Stormwater, is unable to attend but previewed the concepts and didn't see any red flags for Stormwater
 - Comments about North Ave bike lane and protected turns were pointed out.
 - It was noted that we need to make North Ave safe for bikers in both directions
 - Use of Front St for southbound bikes puts people in tight spot to cross North Ave twice. Southbound North Ave bike lane would provide connectivity to Battery Park. Front St could still be an option. Front St circulation would need to be well signed.
 - Discussion of four Front St passage options – 3 and 4 likely to have less tree impact but may cost more. DPW leans toward 1 and 2
 - Question about if you're biking southbound out of Haswell would you go east on North St, then south on Front St to cross into Battery Park?
 - Mary notes that even with wayfinding signage to use Front St, cyclists could still ride south on North Ave with traffic.
 - The city could add sharrows in the road as a visual cue for shared roadway users and wayfinding
 - Question about if we considered reducing two-way southbound traffic on Park St to one lane. This came up early in the process and is on the horizon for city to consider but is

outside the scope of this project. City could consider reducing travel lanes to 10 feet to provide 5 foot bike lane.

- Question about whether current shared streets/closed streets due to COVID will stay in place, and how will they interact with this project. The local traffic only streets were put in place for COVID but are planned to be removed before it snows. They weren't factored into these concepts.
- Changing bike lane from east side to west side on North Ave wasn't well received by public. Driveway crossings are an issue. Long term connectivity in both directions is desired.
- Flex posts for bike lane at North/North will prevent southbound people in cars from using bike lane to get around turning cars.
- Realigned southern crosswalk would aid Depot St walkers/bikers

5. Next steps:

- a. Extend public comment period through September since DPW will be installing concept signage week of September 8. More comments would be helpful, especially if geared toward pedestrians.
- b. Project information will be shared with Ward 2/3 at their next meeting on September 10
- c. Review additional comments received with PAC – consider scheduling a meeting if necessary
- d. Revise concepts as needed based on additional public comments and PAC discussion
- e. Ultimately bring recommendation to TEUC