



# Richmond Bike/Ped/Trails Plan Phase 2

Visioning Meeting - February 1, 2022

## Meeting Recording:

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## Attendees

1. Mt Mansfield Community TV
2. Ravi Venkataraman, Town of Richmond
3. Ben Feinson
4. Blair Knowles
5. Caitlin Littlefield
6. Cathleen Gent
7. Chris Powell
8. Erin - Farr Farms
9. Forrest
10. Ian Stokes
11. Jack Linn
12. Jean Bressor
13. Jon kart
14. Julie Waite
15. Lauck Parke
16. Lisa Kory
17. Mary Houle
18. R Freebern
19. Victor Rossi
20. Julia Ursaki, D&K
21. Dayton Crites, D&K
22. Bryan Davis, CCRPC
23. Marshall Distel - CCRPC
24. Jonathon Weber, Local Motion



## Introductions

- Staff / Steering Committee

## Presentation

1. This is Phase 2 of a two-phase project. Phase 1 is complete (north of the Winooski River), and Phase 2 will focus on the section of Richmond South of the Winooski River
2. Review of Phase 1 recommendations
3. Phase 1 set the project goals:
  - a. Safe & Welcoming Richmond
  - b. Climate Adaptive Richmond
  - c. Healthy Richmond
  - d. Connected Richmond
4. Key Dilemmas
  - a. 49.5 feet of ROW; 22' of road
  - b. 16 Roads, 9 Corridors
  - c. Big Barriers - the River, Route 2, I-89
5. Questions?
  - a. Mary Houle - right of way exists for road access. The road is not necessarily set aside from recreation.
    - i. Encourages D&K to look up legislation
6. Breakout Rooms
  - a. Dayton's Room - trail connection between Dugway and Cochran's; Cochran Rd as Richmonds 'unofficial rec path'
  - b. Jonathon's Room - Johnnie Brook Trail improvements; space for pullouts for farm equipment
  - c. Bryan's Room - Cochran Rd is close to the Village, but not walkable; Fayer's Corner has sight line issues, speeding, etc
  - d. Ravi's Room - Cochran Rd has speed concerns; trail usage and awareness + being respectful of all properties
    - i. Victor Rossi - people are still going to be bringing their bikes to the Round Church after the pandemic, also, people are going to want to get married there post COVID. [Potential traffic/parking issue] If people go there with their bikes, how do you get from there to trails? Idea - with landowner permission, could there be a trail through the floodplain along the river that connects to other trails, and landowners could be compensated / incentivised.
    - ii. 45MPH to 25MPH speed change on Cochran's when you come into the Village. People come in really fast. Would a potential transition zone (45 - 35 - 25 MPH, instead of jumping from 45 to 25).
    - iii. Paint stop lines in front of the Round Church
  - e. Next Steps
    - i. Share more input on the WikiMap or on the physical map at the library



- ii. Check project website for details and updates

## 7. General Discussion

- a. Jack (in Town Hall - landowner & logger in Richmond) - was looking forward to being able to ride on an e-bike, but it felt too unsafe on Huntington Road (people 'come around the corner and step on the gas') -you are unseen as a bicyclist
    - i. Many large landowners have had issues with people using their land without permission - people should know that there is private land that people can't use
  - b. Ben Feinson - there has been a large range of specificity mentioned tonight: a whole region, vs a single stop bar.
    - i. Increasing safety in the public ROW (at specific places) could pull some people off of private land, on safe (and intentional) paths from trail/rec amenities
  - c. Cathleen - questions pose tonight were related to roads and trails. The road corridors especially have conflicts with pedestrians and bicyclists. Whenever we're looking at designing something -- be sure to consider how is it used for transportation, and are there other users who would use the area differently? How can they be accommodated in this plan?
  - d. Jack - hazards / dangers should be discussed on maps
    - i. Many problems at interface of trails, roads, intersections
  - e. Ashley Farr - Farr Farms - has hundreds of people using their land without permission. Several loyal people ask every year, but not everybody asks. There may be projects going on that people aren't aware of (pesticide spraying, etc) and may be dangerous for public access. It's common respect to ask to go on property that is not yours
    - i. Parking at Johnnie Brook needs to be addressed. Cars ignore no parking signs
  - f. Consider Landownership Map & Private Property Discussion in plan.
- Note to add wiki map link to Town website