Richmond Bike/Ped/Trails Plan Phase 2

March Checkin Minutes - March 15, 2022

Attendees
- Ravi Venkataraman
- Jon Kart
- Cathleen Gent
- Jonathon Weber
- Jean
- Ian Stokes
- Allen Knowles
- Dayton Crites
- Julia Ursaki

General Notes
- D&K plans to send committee a rough draft of the report (including intro, existing conditions, public input summary)

Public Input Summary
1. Key Intersection Concerns
   a. Fayes Corner
   b. Route 2 / Kenyon Rd area
2. Village Center concerns
3. Connections Needed
   a. Flat areas!
   b. Cochran Rd - got the most "votes" for connection needed
4. Cathleen: What about Thompson Road?
   a. We are calling it "Bridge Street @ Cochran Rd"
5. Speed limits @ 45MPH
6. Ian asks (as follow up): is the entire ROW "fair game" for transportation facilities?
   a. Short answer, yes. D&K will add discussion/research into report/public input summary
7. Additional major themes are documented in the Plan, draft will be sent out end of next week

Trail Discussion

1. Need to add Richmond Town Forest (400 acres) north of the Winooski River
2. Approach for trail connections: use Point A and Point B approach, identify all potential impacted landowners between two points (rather than actually drawing lines)

a. Jonathan: Show a vague corridor; don't call out specific landowners. Ravi agrees
3. What about the informal trail networks that exist throughout Town?
    a. Cathleen: What is the utility of referencing informal trails in this plan, where we want to develop "transportation" utility facilities?
    b. Dayton: for potential off-road network opportunities. Challenges the rec/transportation dichotomy
    c. Jon: identifying "destination sites" (i.e. Cochrans) with informal trails would be useful to understand where people are coming and going
    d. Jean:
        - A few trails are missing from Richmond Trails (Snipe Ireland Road connector - going to Jericho)
        - Sip of Sunshine off of Jericho Rd (will eventually connect into community forest)
        - Fellowship of the Wheel trails- acknowledge their existence (Richmond Mountain Trails - Jonathan has contacts, will reach out)
        - Richmond Mountain Trails: richmondmountaintrails.org
    e. Add Hinesburg Town Forest trails / as a destination
    f. Jonathan: important to show corridors between destinations, important to show informal trails

Existing Conditions Approach
1. Corridor-by-corridor approach
2. What are we missing?
    a. Jon asks - what is the status on the Town debate over using trails over Williams Hill Road?
        - This is in litigation now - to test legality of Class 4 road itself. Did the road even exist in the first place?
        - How should this be represented in this report?
            - D&K proposes acknowledging the status, but plan for this corridor knowing its legality is in question and it may not be a realistic pursuit in the future.
            - Change color / presentation of purple corridor on the map
    b. Cathleen: What about proposed improvements?
        - First step - existing conditions (this portion of the report)
        - Next step - recommendations
    c. Cathleen: include prior studies - D&K to coordinate with Town
    d. Ravi
        - Town is working on lighting/ped improvements at the Bridge St/Railroad St intersection
        - Over the next few years, highway department will be building out sidewalks in-house (Bridge St looong crosswalk will be replaced with a

crosswalk, replace all sidewalks on Bridge Street, road improvements to realign sidewalk on Bridge St)
- East Main St curbed sidewalks will be built in-house

e. Cathleen: transportation committee will be prioritizing projects over the next week or so. Send to D&K once complete

Next Steps
1. March 22 - deadline for D&K to send the committee a draft of the report (note Ravi will be out March 23-29, need him to send it to committee)
2. April 1 - deadline for committee comments/review of existing conditions
3. April 14 check in - D&K will propose recommendations and potential approaches/priorities
4. May or early June - plan for next phase of public input