



Richmond Bike Walk and Trails Plan

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Attendees

- Jon Kart
- Jonathon Weber
Ravi Venkatarman
- Bryan Davis
- Cathleen Gent
- Ian Stokes
- Jean
- Marshall Distel
- Dayton Crites
- Julia Ursaki

Agenda

- **Quick review of comments on existing conditions chapter**
- **Review of proposed plan recommendations**
 - Ph1 + Ph2 Data Approach
 - Community Actions Recommendations
 - Jonathon: should we limit recommendations to things that will be more impactful? Community has limited resources. For example, share the road signs - are those really useful?
 - Jon Kart: supports Jonathon's thinking. Hard stuff is what takes more than 1 person to do. Let's keep the focus on what we can push the Town to do collaboratively.
 - Cathleen: there will be a walkability audit this year based on the AARP walkability audit tool
 - Add bike/ped counts to community actions
 - Recommendation Tables
 - Request to Committee - review Phase 1 recommendations, have any moved forward?
 - Cochran Road
 - Page 24 - proposed trail should be dashed near eastern end



- Ian - remember that riverside trail is in the floodplain/floodway, so it's not a continuously usable trail during flood conditions
 - Likes the idea of a sidewalk in neighborhood area (25mph area, limited line of sight)
- Jon - can we gather more data on bike/ped use on Cochran Road?
- Jean - should we check with the Richmond police so they can weigh in on what they see on Cochran Rd? What about EMS responses?
- Cathleen - what about short term / long term? Some of these concepts may lend themselves to short or long term. Framing that in the plan would be helpful - community may want consultant's input on "here's what makes sense"
- Jonathon - can traffic calming features be quick build recommendations?
- Uphill bike lanes, downhill sharrows
 - Ian - striped bike lanes will be worn away very quickly. It's not just a one-off effort, needs ongoing budget for annual repainting of striping.
 - Marshall - are there some examples in a similar context (Vermont) with this road configuration?
 - D&K should share East Darling Hill scoping study with project team
 - Jonathon - supports centerline removal
 - College St in Burlington has similar road configuration
 - What about advisory bike lanes? ---note, D&K
 - Bryan - CCRPC could reach out to other RPCs around the state to find other examples of climbing bike lanes/shared downhill
 - Also makes note that we may need to think more about advisory bike lanes in this plan. They were included in Phase 1, not included in Phase 2 -- is there a consistency issue here?
 - Note, even if advisory bike lanes were fully allowed at this time, they would not likely be D&K's recommendation on roads in Richmond
- **Public Review Approach / Prioritization Strategies**
 - Cathleen - thinks this looks great. Can short term and long term priorities fit into this framework?
 - Jonathon - Phase 1 plan had its own project prioritization - how do these mix? How do project that are a priority because of safety fit into this?
 - Phase 1 prioritization worked well overall - but the Phase 2 project area is in a different context. Will it work?
 - Jean - we need to integrate phase 1 + phase 2 at some point
 - Cathleen - to what extent do the priorities from Ph1 or Ph2 fit with requirements for grants and funding? What makes sense in terms of getting 'bang for buck' in terms of grants, implementation



- Jonathon/Jon - easier to defend the analytical method used from Phase 1 - let's run with it
- Ian - should this be 1 or 2 meetings? (2 would reach more people)
 - Note, D&K has scope for 1 meeting, but could pass of materials to committee to facilitate a second or third meeting
- **Next Steps**
 - Prelim Recommendation Committee Review Period
 - 1 week
 - May Checkin - Public Meeting Prep
 - June Checkin - Public Meeting Test
 - June 28 Proposed Public Meeting to Review Recommendations
 - Richmond 4th of July?
 - June - July - Public Input Period
 - July - September - Finalize Plan
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