

Complete Streets Committee Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 6, 2025

Location: In person at City Hall (City Manager's Conference Room) and on-line

PRESENT

Scott Richardson, voting member, chair

David Ory, voting member, co-chair

Sara Halstead, alternate voting member

Nolan Carver, voting member

Holly Fowler, voting member

John Kim, voting member

Carolyn Grodinsky, voting member

Hanif Nazarali, voting member

Nancy Schulz, voting member

Corey Line, City Representative, Project Management Director, Public Works

Alec Ellsworth, Parks Director

Stephen Whitaker, citizen

Bret Appel, citizen

Approve Agenda

- Nancy made the motion, Hanif seconded
- All in favor

Approve October Minutes

- Nancy made the motion, Hanif seconded
- All in favor

ACTION

- Request "owl" camera from Montpelier Alive lending library

Public Comment and CSC Member Announcements

- Nolan noted the crosswalk signal at Barre and Main was damaged. Corey noted the city is aware of it.
- Hanif noted that the Country Club Road development is seeking RFQs. Visions were put forward by the community and are available here: <https://visionmontpelier.wordpress.com/>

- Hanif noted that his grant application for the community engagement portion of the bike share scoping study was not accepted.
- Nancy noted the glow ride photo made the front page of the Times Argus.
- Scott noted that he chatted with Mike Philbrick from the Montpelier PD. Corey offered to liaison with Mike, as needed, for issues that may need police.
- Brett noted that the vending machine for parking passes on Stone Cutter's Way no longer works.
- Brett noted that a path light was down near the Co-op. Corey noted the City is aware of the issue.

Administration

- Meeting Length
 - The Committee discussed extending the meeting time until 7:00 pm. The Committee decided not to make the change now and re-consider the topic if and when the Committee merges with the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Merger with Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Corey was not aware of any changes in the status of pending Council action
- Glow Ride
 - About 60 participants
 - Thank you to organizers, Local Motion, Onion River, MAMBA, and Montpelier Alive.
 - Action for next year: change route, tighten up course management
- Glow Walk
 - 3rd Annual
 - Proposed date: December 17, 5:30 pm in front of the State House
 - Note that the montpeliercompletestreets@gmail.com address is still active and can be used
 - Holly to start a listserv for communication

Education

- Front Porch Forum
 - No notable posts this month

Funding Opportunities

- Better Connections Grant
 - Hanif and Holly discussed with VTrans. Excellent opportunity, but insufficient time this year to get something before the Council.

Safety, Infrastructure, and Maintenance

- Capital Improvement Plan
 - Corey shared list of previous recommendations from Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Alec advised that, to increase the chance of success, recommendations should be provided by September of each year and be based on previous plans or studies (new ideas are harder to fund)
 - Alec and Corey recommended that we participate in these discussions to advocate for Complete Streets items that are being discussed. Holly plans to attend the Nov 12 workshop.
 - Corey noted that the city plans to repave Foster St, so a new sidewalk could be on the table as part of that work.
 - Corey will share the draft CIP
 - David to review Montpelier in Motion
- Country Club Road Development
 - Alec noted that the Parks Department and Complete Streets are likely to be aligned on certain projects and the two should stay in touch
 - The Country Club Road development may include a bicycle path, recreation, and a tree nursery/garden. Overlap here between Complete Streets and Parks.
 - Alec noted that the Parks Department previously planned a trail system to connect the Country Club property up to the U32 trail network and back to the Montpelier bicycle path. These plans may now change given the development.

- Alec noted that a lot can be done, for both Parks and Complete Streets, when roads are re-paved. We need to be mindful and aware of when this is planned.
- Crosswalks
 - The company that makes flashing beacons also makes crosswalk illumination products, i.e., if you push a button, flood lights go off and shine down. The firm suggested a cost of about \$10,000.
 - Hanif questioned whether some other solution could be possible for retrofitting streetlights or poles for cross walk illumination.
 - ADD THIS TO DECEMBER AGENDA
- Barre Street
 - For the December meeting, a representative from the state will attend the meeting to discuss the plans for the fence around the railroad tracks near Barre and Main
 - Corey notes the construction of the new path is on schedule: contract in place by winter, construction in the spring
 - Due to damage, the City removed the temporary cycle track on Barre Street a few weeks ahead of the November 15 winter street changeover
- Sidewalks
 - FOR DECEMBER: discuss bicycles riding on the sidewalks.
 - Scott is going to discuss the matter with Mike Philbrick from Montpelier Police
 - Carolyn noted it's more than just one or two bad actors

Other

- Nancy asked about the hoop bicycle racks near Bohemian Bakery. Corey will check on the status and report back. KEEP ON DECEMBER AGENDA.
- Nancy asked that we discuss the cost of the Big Bellys and what else can be done about trash in DECEMBER.
- Nancy will be meeting with Katie Trautz from Montpelier Alive and Zack Blodgett from Public Works to discuss trash.

Meeting Adjourned