

Complete Streets Committee
Meeting Minutes March 4th, 2026

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from 5:30 to 6:45pm

Location: In person at City Hall (City Manager's Conference Room)
and online (Zoom)

Members and Term End-Date

PRESENT

Hanif Nazerali, Chair, Voting Member through 02/10/2026

Note: Hanif will not be renewing

Carolyn Grodinsky, Co-Chair, Voting Member through 08/01/2027

Nolan Carver, Voting Member through 06/14/2026

Holly Fowler, Voting Member through 03/12/2027 (REMOTE)

David Ory, Voting Member through 01/21/2027

Scott Richardson, Voting Member through 03/12/2027

Nancy Schulz, Voting Member through 01/21/2027

Open Seats (2) — Alternate, Non-Voting

Open Seats (2) — Student Non-Voting

City Representatives

Corey Line , Project Management Director, DPW,

Sal Alfano, City Council Liaison

Members of the public present

Steve Whitaker

Thomas Weiss

Unable to attend

John Kim, Voting Member through 12/08/2025 [renewed term; to be updated]

Sal Alfano, City Council Liaison

ACTION ITEMS & DECISIONS

5:30-5:40 Approve February minutes - Scott motioned to approve minutes, Nancy seconded.
Approve March agenda - Scott motioned to approve agenda, Nancy seconded

5:40-6:00 Public comment & CSC member announcements

- Thomas Weiss - concerned about sidewalk paving, specifically Cedar and School crosswalk is often flooded, as lower than catchment basin; wasn't corrected when DPW repaved. Requests DPW look into drainage before they do the design for resurfacing. Problem is year round
- Stan Brinkerhof told Holly that much of the new bike path Main to Taylor is flooded
- Cory, DPW - this time of year, plowing and snow banks dam the drains. Anyone can talk to DPW about problem areas related to the paving projects for this year. DPW will look into clearing all drains at the beginning of the season. DPW will take note of sidewalks in flat areas.
- David will compile a list of the City's planned paving contracts and next agenda can ID problem areas. (Item to be included in the April Agenda)
- Steve Whitaker - continued concerns about due process for Country Club Road development; Consultant White and Burke contract, no update of Action Plan, no prior engagement with commissions and committees.

Announcements

The City issued a new guidance to committees and commissions; dated Nov. 2025; in the shared drive. Document name, and link for members:

 New Committee Member Welcome Letter and Resources.pdf

Noted: Meeting minutes to City Manager's office - Evelyn - within 5 calendar days. We assume that quorum means 5 members present (including alternates if a voting member is absent).

Changes to chair and co-chair rotations as Hanif is not renewing. David will be Chair April, May; Carolyn (current co-chair) will chair - June, July, August with Holly as co-chair.

6:00-6:45 Committee Agenda Items:

Action Items

1. Project at Main St. /Barre St. intersection design discussed with VTrans rail at January meeting: under NEEPA review now. Corey will send a draft of CSC suggestions from that meeting. Corey will do a presentation for council
2. CSC reviewed and approved a letter drafted by Corey about safer crosswalks. Hanif to send the letter to City Council
3. Updating ordinance - biking on sidewalks: Sal Alfano is not here for comment. Corey asked what kind of role does CSC want to play in

this.

- CSC will create an education plan prior to the biking season including FPF postings.

Does CSC want to revisit the ordinance with a map and signs of which areas that biking isn't allowed on sidewalks? It is likely that the process of updating the ordinance will initiate further public discussion. CSC does not have a consensus position. Stephen Whitaker asked that 'teaching consideration' be part of the education.

- Corey will work with police to change the ordinance to change the downtown district to the current zoning district name in order to enable police to enforce riding on sidewalks as/when appropriate.

4. Bicycle friendly community - communications plan, feedback from webinar (lessons for small towns, VT and NH)

- See **Events** for added notes from Holly's notes and resources from webinar

Administration

Introducing our committee and work to the new City Manager and annual report to City Council

- Invite new City Manager to CSC April meeting or other that she can attend -
David to invite new City Manager to upcoming meeting
- CSC plans to make a presentation to the City Council. Corey suggests Fall is the best time ref. funding (timed for the City's Annual Report). A Spring City Council meeting would be the better timing for announcing upcoming initiatives

Events - update from Holly (insufficient time for this agenda item)

- Bicycle Friendly Community - communications plan, feedback from webinar (Lessons for small towns, VT and NH)
 - Great webinar; very helpful networking and resources shared.
 - Resources shared are in the shared Google Drive>Resources> [BFC](#)
 - Key Links
 - [Vermont Bike Walk Summit](#) (May 8 - Bennington, VT)
 - [Vermont Walk/Bike Advocate Listserv](#) (click "try asking to join the group")
 - Local Motion [Bike Smart Trailer](#)
 - Local Motion [Complete Streets](#)
 - [League resources](#)
 - Bike Month resources: bikeleague.org/bike-month (It would be great if CSC could host something on Sunday, May 3 - National Ride a Bike Day.)
- Sponsoring 'Ticket to Ride' - Winter cycling workshop and updates (Bevin/Holly)

- The event planned for March 5 was canceled by Bevin.
- Update on all ages and abilities learn to ride event for spring/summer (Holly)
 - Holly reached out to Bevin Barber-Campbell and Jeff Alexander of Vermont Adaptive about a 2026 Learn to Ride event.
 - Bevin volunteers to be the lead instructor for child and adult learn to ride event(s). We will need some striders, some super small bikes, and some adult bikes too. The Local Motion trailer as a potential resource is fully booked as priority goes to SFTS communities.
 - Jeff Alexander said Vermont Adaptive would need space to ride and have to have folks register with us 2 weeks in advance. This is so we will know the disability, be able to have the proper equipment on site, schedule the proper volunteers and then create smiles. They would do it for free. Timing would likely need to be in June.
 - Holly proposes as a next step to solicit interest from other ped/bike advocates in nearby towns that might be interested to join this effort and to float the opportunity via comms channels to test interest.
- Hosting a speaker on parking (Holly)
 - Holly would still like to bring [Henry Graber](#) to Montpelier to speak about parking. This event could be coordinated with Bear Pond Books and possibly with Montpelier Alive if they are interested. Ideas are needed for where to host this event.

See useful links / resources as endnote.

Advocacy

DPW Debrief and progress on E. State Street rebuild (Corey).

The design is about a week away from 90% design; going out to bid at the beginning of April. USDA still needs to approve (water and sewer design). The final design includes curb extensions and flashing lights at the mid-block crosswalk.

About the City Council special meeting on East State St. Corey said in retrospect CSC should have presented a separate alternative earlier, after the first letter to Council; so the Committee would have gotten feedback and known concerns earlier.

CSC Reflections on E. State Street rebuild

- CSC needs to take a different approach to proposals for improvements, not waiting until rebuilds / reconstruction projects. Ex. Consider Elm St. / north-south shared use path as an immediate priority, and fundable project.
- In future CSC must enter into proposals with 'eyes wide open'.
- There was active misrepresentation of the CSC proposal: in DPW information to The Bridge; by DPW's alternative design that provoked reactions to removal of on-street parking in the part below Cedar Street; by shifting focus and discussion from

safer sidewalks to the request for an uphill bike path; by lack of clarity in the 'financials' for different options presented at the Special Council Meeting.

- City Council rep on CSC should be the person to accurately portray CSC plan
- The Council's final decision was short-sighted. E. State is a strategic connection between downtown services, schools, and the fast developing hub around College Green.
- Stephen Whitaker believes that the Committee still has recourse for further changes.
- CSC suggestion to Corey: the final design for E. State St. rebuild should have a more effective and safer crosswalk flashing light - "pedestrian hybrid beacon" - red light flashes, enforceable violation.

Action: Dave will do a write up on the broader narrative around the decisionmaking process that may be helpful for new CSC member orientation

Status of Country Club Road development process - what is our Committee's position and role? (Sal)

Sal was not present. Hanif is recused due to interest in one of the development proposals. Holly attended the most recent country club committee meeting; offered to help at the forthcoming public meeting March 12 at the High School.. Do any members have interest in providing recommendations? Holly will draft a CSC response to the proposals. CSC needs to get a reply re Country Club by end of next week (March 13).

Adjournment

7:05 pm Holly moved to adjourn the meeting and Nancy seconded.

Links from Holly from the League of American Bicyclists for Local Motion BFC Webinar:

February 25, 2026

- Amelia's full slides:  Amelia BFC Presentation for Local Motion_2.25.26.pdf
- BFC: <https://bikeleague.org/community>
- BFB: <https://bikeleague.org/business>

- BFU: <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- BFS: <https://bikeleague.org/states>
 - [Vermont's 2024 BFS Report Card](#)
- BFA Awards Database & BFC Report Cards by state: bikeleague.org/bfa/awards
- Online BFA Application Portal: apply.bikeleague.org
 - Preview the BFC application via Google Docs: <https://bit.ly/BFCapp2026>
- Bike Month resources: bikeleague.org/bike-month
- Smart Cycling education resources: <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart/>
- Ready To Ride resources: bikeleague.org/ready-to-ride
- National Bike Summit: bikeleague.org/summit
- Join the League of American Bicyclists to support our federal advocacy work and national programming: <https://bikeleague.org/join-now/>
- Subscribe to the League's biweekly e-news: <https://bikeleague.org/contact/subscribe/>
- Contact the BFA program: bfa@bikeleague.org