

Complete Streets Committee

August 5, 2026 - Minutes

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

Screen Share and audio via computer:

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Members and Term End-Date

- Holly Fowler, Co-Chair Voting Member through 03/12/2027
- Carolyn Grodinsky, Chair, Voting Member through 08/01/2027
- David Ory, Voting Member through 01/21/2027
- John Kim, Voting Member through 4/7/2028
- Isaac Padberg, Voting Member through 7/21/2028
- 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

Present

Committee:

Carolyn Grodinsky, Chair

Holly Fowler, Co-chair

Scott Richardson

John Kim

David Ory

Nancy Schulz

Staff Liaison: Corey Line, DPW

City Council Liaison: Sal Alfano

Member of the Public:

Wes Grove

John Copans

Neil Nussbaum
Stan Brinkerhoff (online)
Lise Ewald (online)

AGENDA

5:30-5:40 Call to Order/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- Approve July minutes ([Link to CSC shared drive](#))
- Approve August 2026 Agenda
 - o Agenda and minutes approved by unanimous consent
- 5:40-6:00 Public comment & CSC member announcements

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- Lise Ewald: Do the painted bike lanes work? Do drivers pay attention?
 - Yes, and hopefully!
- Stephen Whitaker
 - Congratulations on getting the connector on Barre Street almost finished; still needs painting; City Manager responded quickly to a recent incident between a car and bicyclist to mark the new lane with some cones, but we should have signs
 - E. State Street: Work has resumed on E. State Street. Will the Complete Streets take action to stop utility pole placement?
 - LIDAR data was requested by, but was not provided.
 - We need to confirm who requested the data and why it was not provided.
 - Regional plan (public comment period closes Friday; 15 days from adoption; does the committee want to file its own standing, separate from the city)?
- John Copans, ED, Foundation for a Resilient Montpelier
 - Former ED of Old Spokes Home that facilitated Jesse Jacobs taking ownership of the green racks from Burlington that are now in Montpelier.
 - We need more rack infrastructure in downtown Montpelier; Shaw's rack fell apart; Red Hen situation makes it clear we need more; engaged Jesse Jacobs to see if he would provide the remaining five racks (upside down "U"s x 4) as a donation
 - There was a walk around/survey of various amenities in town (attended by John, Corey, Katie, new City Manager); DPW can modify them to make them 1-up or 2-up for increased utilization); Shaw's wants someone else to manage/own the

rack there; racks are a really symbolic way to say our community is open to bicyclists

- Corey Line: City has drafted a value for Jesse that he has accepted for all but the last rack; once the city takes possession (end of this week) will adapt them and pre-mark where they are going before they go in the ground (before the end of the month)
- John Copans: Can accept the last rack and donate it to Shaw's; let's celebrate when these go up.
- Corey suggests the committee write a letter to the City Manager to take ownership and maintenance of the rack at Shaw's (only if needed)

6:00-6:45 Committee Agenda Items

Update on CSC participation on Country Club Road development process (Sal)

- Sal: There has been one meeting of the negotiation meeting; draft letter of intent is being written by attorney; the CSC should address concerns/requests to the negotiation meeting for the forthcoming development agreement
- John is going to draft our committee's letter of requests/advice; we will review and approve at our next meeting

Infrastructure

- History of placing storm drain stencils (Carolyn)
 - Update on previous stencils by Friends of Winooski River
 - Grant-funded previously
 - Corey suggested that this request for paint and stencil come from Trash Tramps
- Update on plan and timeline re relocating trash and recycling receptacles (Nancy/Corey)
 - Additional locations discussed during walk through with Montpelier Alive (see above regarding bike racks)
 - Confirm w/Montpelier Alive for original order and additional locations (# receptacles)
 - Big Belly receptacles are emptied on the same routine as others
- Update on ordering more meter hitches and using green racks, currently located on deck of the funeral home, etc.
 - See above public comment
- Any action on bike racks in front of Red Hen (Jon Kim)
 - See above public comment

Administration

Update on written guidance on City Council liaison expectations (David)

- Postponed to next meeting.

Follow up with Alec and Kassia re: safer biking on Elm Street (David)

- David emailed Kassia about developing a plan before Elm St. repaving

Update on an Annual Report to City Council (Holly)

- Sept. 9 date
- Holly will send around draft content
- We will ask the City Council to adopt our new mission/charter at the same time.

Complete Streets Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee merger (Sal or Corey)

- Update on CSC recommending the following amended charter language for presentation to City Council:
 - o *"Mission: The Complete Streets Committee (CSC) advises the City Council on overall planning, policy, and programming for the city's infrastructure and transportation network, while actively advocating for streets that are safe and accessible for all users – especially pedestrians and bicyclists – of all ages and abilities. By combining formal policy recommendations with community education, public outreach, and cross-sector partnerships, this Committee works to ensure Montpelier's transportation infrastructure supports pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists alike—ultimately enhancing public health, safety, and quality of life."*
 - o Corey suggested we scale back the language around the committee's responsibility, but the committee opted to leave the mission as stated above.

Update on the Burlington Bike Ped Committee short meeting – If it has been held yet (Corey)

- No update

Update on DPW grant applications - if applicable (Corey)

- Start talking about applications for VTrans/Bike Ped Grant
 - o Applications would start late winter
 - o Set aside time at next meeting to discuss project strategy

Events

Hosting a speaker on parking update (Holly)

- Holly has reached out to Henry Grabar, author of Paved Paradise, about speaking. Could be done with Montpelier Alive and Bear Pond Books

Advocacy

E-Bike Statute "with teeth" and bikes on sidewalks and recreation path

- Review Scott's proposed language for e-bikes on sidewalks
- Corey will share map (1990s) *See attached map of bike rack downtown locations.*
- Stan made recommendation of meters

- Move to top of agenda for next meeting