

Minutes, Montpelier Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting – September 25, 2014

Present: Anthony Mennona, Lee Doyle, Hannah Reckhow, Bill Merrylees, Steve Gladczuk of RPC, Savannah Riddle of VT Health department. Meeting began at 8:00 am

State house parking and design update- Bill reported that council approved a new State St. design bordering Statehouse: road will be widened 8-10 feet by VTrans to solve drainage problems. There will be no angled parking, instead parallel parking will stay, with a bike lane of at least 4 foot width going each way, between the parking lane and the travel lane. Construction will be done in 2015 or 2016, schedule unknown at this time.

Review bike facilities network map draft from masterplan- Committee members took a “sneak peek at the bike network map to be presented to the public for comment on October 2, 6:30 pm in council chambers.

Education/bike culture work group update

Park on the Perimeter promotion- the Bike Committee, Pedestrian committee, parking committee and Montpelier Alive will meet soon to plan a promotion called POP - Park on the Perimeter. The public will be encouraged to park on the outskirts of the downtown and walk or bike the rest of the way to their destination. Ideas welcome on motivational strategies and incentivizing.

Pedestrian Committee’s Walk Week- the Pedestrian Committee has put together an extensive offering of guided walks for We Walk Week, October 8th – 16th. Flyer will be posted around town and on city website.

Cross Vermont Trail fundraiser November 22@VCFA- the project to build a bridge over the Winooski in East Montpelier is still in need of \$180,000 of local match funds to leverage \$1 million already raised. The event at VT College of Fine Arts Chapel will feature food, beer, socializing, a silent auction or raffle, and an exciting bicycle movie. If funds are secured the cross Vermont trail will extend from the CV Path terminus at the Civic Center on Gallison Hill east to Plainfield and the Connecticut River.

Montpelierbikes.org website update- subcommittee is still working on this website that will serve as an outreach and education tool for the committee.

Public Meeting on the Bike Master Plan, Thursday, October 2, 6:30 pm in city council chambers.