

Bike Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
10/03/13

Attending: Sasha Bianchi, Nancy Schulz, Alex Prolman, John Budreski, Mike Philbrick, Bill Merrylees, Gwen Hallsmith, Per Tonn, Anthony Mennona
Jessie Baker, Greg Western, Tom McArdle, Evan of Dubois & King.

Meeting started at 8:02

Assistant city manager Jessie Baker, Tom McArdle, and Evan gave an update on the preliminary plans of bike path extension. On October 30th, the public will be able to comment on plans. The main issue discussed was the location of the extension. The design has been relocated outside the railroad ROW. They received comments from VTrans, and the next step is to ROW acquisition form property owners. The project cost is around \$2.25 million and has a projected start date in 2015.

There was some discussion of why to switch materials from paved to packed dirt. The lower maintenance costs of paved roads were brought up. And it was decided that a slight narrowing of the path to 9 ft wouldn't be a limiting issue.

Greg gave an overview of the Cross Vermont trail progress. After planning for 10+ years, the trail will start at civic center and go to U32 to bridge over Winooski along route 2, eventually to route 14, Plainfield country club road. The goal is to make it accessible to all. In terms of how the committee can help, Greg mentioned that Galison Brook Bridge (yestermorrow) will need zoning help, volunteers will be needed, as will fundraising for Winooski portion.

The Transportation Alternatives grant was discussed. Public Works will apply for sidewalk extensions instead of the Bike Committee for bike facilities, but the City will work on getting money (15,000) ready in later years for lanes, sharrows, signage.

There was brief discussion of a joint transportation meeting between all transportation committees, perhaps once or twice a year.

Jessie Baker made an announcement about upcoming public forums:
PPS forum on using public spaces to create community October 9
Following wed October 16th at city hall 6-8 on multi-modal transit center
Bike path forum October 30 6-8 at City Hall

Meeting ended at 9:20