



Narrow Streets Policies and Procedures Update

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Purpose & Background

- A. To balance community needs, BFD Emergency Services needs, and DPW Maintenance needs for sufficient mobility and access to narrow streets.
- B. Narrow Streets Policy
 1. Collaboration with BFD Emergency Services and DPW Winter Maintenance Team
 2. Approved, March 2018
 3. Updated October 2019 DPW Commission
- C. Narrow Streets Implementation Fall 2018
 1. Restrict Parking to one-side on Germain, Latham, and Hoover from December 1 to April 1
 2. Continue data collection efforts

Narrow Streets

1. 28 feet wide or less
2. 116 Narrow Streets in the City of Burlington
 - A. 97 of the 116 Narrow Streets have existing parking restrictions
 - B. BFD Emergency Services and DPW Winter Maintenance have determined 14 feet of effective travel width is the desired minimum width
 - a) 19 Narrow Streets currently have less than 14 feet of effective travel width with no existing restrictions

Additional Considerations

Staff recommends the following additional considerations to the Narrow Streets policies and procedures:

1. Representatives of DPW's Traffic Division and Engineering Division shall review any and all projects for Narrow Streets.
2. If snow removal and storage is an issue on a narrow street, consider snow storage locations, and whether temporary parking restrictions for snow plowing or storage will be required.
3. Geometric and topographic issues should be a consideration when evaluating each Narrow Street.

City Approach

1. Acknowledge challenge of balancing needs.
2. Incremental approach allows us to learn and adjust as we move forward.
3. DPW addressed the most constrained narrow streets (<10' effective travel width) in November 2018.
4. DPW now evaluating the most challenging Narrow Streets with 10' of effective travel width.
5. Additional data collection efforts.

Narrow Streets Timeline

1. March 2019: TEUC Narrow Streets Update on Winter Data Collection
2. April 2019: Commission Narrow Streets Update on Winter Data Collection
3. Spring 2019: Russel and Charles Neighborhood Meeting
4. Summer 2019: Data Collection and Evaluation on other Narrow Streets
5. October, 23 2019: Narrow Streets policy and procedures update to DPW Commission.
6. October, 24 2019: Narrow Streets update to TEUC.
7. October, 30 2019: Russel and Charles Neighborhood Meeting
8. November 2019: Staff Recommendations to DPW Commission Prior to Winter 2020 (Tentative)



Questions?

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