



CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT MEETING

Date August 2, 2017

Time 6:00 PM

Location Department of Public Works, 645 Pine Street

BACKGROUND

The Pedestrian Improvement Project surrounding Champlain Elementary School is designed to create a safer path for students walking to school in addition to improving driver behavior on Birchcliff Parkway. Elements of this project include intersection improvements at Locust Street and Caroline Street, Locust Street and Charlotte Street, Birchcliff Parkway and Cherry Lane, and Birchcliff Parkway and Bittersweet Lane. Following the conclusion of a neighborhood meeting in August of 2016, based on feedback from the neighborhood, DPW had another alternative to the sidewalk option created. The alternative focused on creating a crossing on Birchcliff at Bittersweet. DPW is prepared to present the alternative to the neighborhood and hopes to receive comments from residents to help inform our selection of a preferred alternative.

Option A includes installing sidewalk on the north side of Birchcliff Parkway between Cherry Lane and Bittersweet Lane. Option A will require this section of Birchcliff Parkway to be narrowed to a 22-foot width requiring on-street parking to be removed between Cherry and Bittersweet. Narrowing the roadway is beneficial towards calming traffic and improving driver behavior - creating a safer environment for all.

Option B includes intersection improvements including speed tables, bump outs and signage at both Cherry and Bittersweet intersections. Option B will require stop signs or rapid flashing beacons on Birchcliff Parkway at the intersection of Bittersweet. Speed tables and additional signage will improve pedestrian visibility and reduce vehicle speeds at the Birchcliff Parkway crossings.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Department of Public Works would like to hold a meeting with the residents from the project study area to gain an understanding of the public's thoughts and feelings towards this project. Two design options for Birchcliff Parkway improvements will be presented and discussed.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Project plans and more information can be found at:

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Champlain-Elementary-Pedestrian-Improvements>

If you would like more information or to submit a question or comment you can contact the project manager, Laura Wheelock, by email: LWheelock@burlingtonvt.gov or telephone: (802) 540-0397.

If you are not able to attend this meeting DPW will be collecting feedback on the two options until August 17, 2017. You may submit comments to the email address provided, speak with the project manager, or call to schedule a time to meet with the project manager to review the options.

The community's participation in this meeting is crucial to the final success of this project.