

North Avenue Task Force Meeting #2

May 19, 2015

6 pm – 8 pm @ Burlington Police Department Community Room

Please Read: “Pilot Project Metrics” spreadsheet

Please Bring: Homework: public outreach ideas/schedule, ID what will receive pushback
(Please note that this room does not allow food/drink (except water) and has no Wi-Fi)

Meeting Goals:

1. Elect NATF leadership team (Chair and Vice Chair)
2. Reach consensus on pilot implementation schedule & risks
3. Begin to structure outreach tools

AGENDA

<i>discussion + action</i>	HOUSEKEEPING Introductions as needed Review agenda Approve March meeting minutes	www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/North-Avenue-Corridor
<i>discussion + action</i>	NATF LEADERSHIP Chair / Vice Chair nominations & elections Meeting facilitation handoff	<i>Nominees to date:</i> <i>Chair – Jason L’Ecuyer</i> <i>Vice Chair – Paul Sisson</i>
	PUBLIC COMMENTS Time allocated for open discussions	<i>15 min. as needed</i>
<i>discussion</i>	DATA COLLECTION UPDATE Eleni & Jason: CCRPC data collection for 2015 Review “Pilot Project Metrics” spreadsheet	
<i>discussion + action</i>	PILOT PROJECT PLANNING Public outreach Risk management Rt. 127 intersection	<i>Goals: reach consensus on schedule and ID risks</i>
	NEXT STEPS Online collaboration – DPW + leadership team Schedule next meeting Agenda items	<i>Next agenda:</i> <i>Parking assessment schedule</i> <i>Crosswalk details, schedule</i> <i>Tools to measure business impacts</i> <i>Rt. 127 details, Rutland details</i> <i>Data updates</i> <i>Others?</i>

PUBLIC OUTREACH IDEAS & SCHEDULE - BRAINSTORMING

Outreach Tools

- Access to NNE Front Porch Forums
 - o **TASK** - Designate 1-2 people to post updates at the same time
- Monthly North Ave News updates
 - o **TASK** – ask Cliff Cooper
- School emails/newsletters (Flynn, Smith, Hunt, BHS) to update and invite to events, etc. – target parents and students
 - o **TASK** – Designate point people to reach schools & message
- Outreach/editorial Newspapers (Seven Days / Free Press follow process over next year)
 - o **TBD**
- Website: schedule, details, surveys
 - o **TASK** – city website & survey
 - o **TASK** – NATF website/blog redirect to city website (as applicable)
- DPW social media
 - o **TASK** – city updates

Engagements

- Crosswalk challenges
 - o With Mayor during Bagel mornings
 - o **TBD**
- Prototype 4/3 conversion on small scale for education event
 - o **TBD**
- Safe driving / safe biking event
 - o **TBD**
- Neighborhood meetings / open house forums
 - o **TASK** – city + Task Force

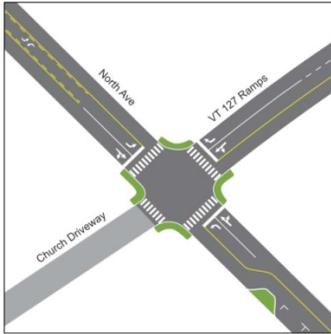
Collecting Feedback

- Online surveys
 - o **TASK** – city develop + NATF review based on Colchester / Pearl / Prospect survey
- Open house listening sessions
 - o **TBD**
- Emails, phone calls, phone surveys
 - o **TBD**

Considerations

- What will people push back on?
- Risk management
 - o What are the risks?
 - o Is the likelihood of that risk occurring high? Low?
 - o Is the impact of that risk high? Low?
 - o Next meeting: refine risk management (accept risks / mitigate risks)

NORTH AVE / RT. 127 INTERSECTION



VT 127 Ramps Concept 1:

- Optimize signal timing
- Close high-speed NB on-ramp
- Remove free flow WB right turn
- Remove gantry from North Avenue
- Gateway treatments (highway transition)

(later)

Challenges

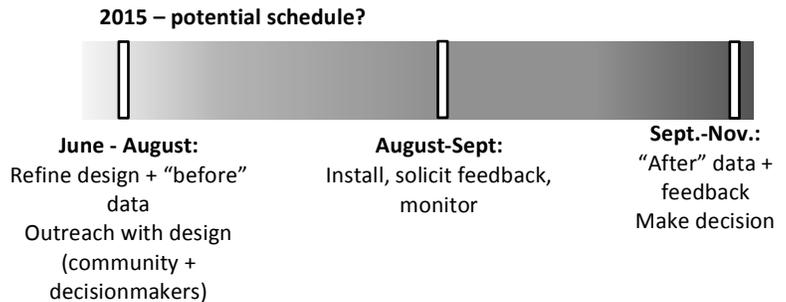
- Ramp removal will skew perception of lane reassignment
- Ramp should be removed for merging into new lane configuration

Solution: phase pilot project

- Ramp removal, signal timing @ Rt. 127 intersection
- Public outreach, data collection, public feedback for intersection project only
- Assess outcome of intersection project, replace ramp prior to lane reassignment if intersection pilot is unsuccessful

Design considerations & schedule?

- Temporarily block northbound on-ramp
- Remove concrete island
- Re-time signals (pre-emption?)
- Public outreach



Intersection background:

- Intersection Scoping Study completed in 2004
 - o Identified issues/concerns: excessive speed of vehicles entering North Ave from Rt. 127, lack of pedestrian facilities, difficulty maintaining sidewalks in winter, poor access at Alliance Church, poor access for residents to homes and adjoining streets
 - o Preferred alternative: tighten slip ramp
 - o Unable to secure state or federal funds to reconstruct the slip ramp
- Westbound off-ramp closed in 2008
 - o Closed slip ramp, pedestrian-activated signal to stop slip ramp traffic, added snow storage area to sidewalk