

North Avenue Task Force Meeting #3

June 15, 2015

6 pm – 8 pm @ City Hall Conference Room 12 (ground floor)

Please Read: Optional: updated Pilot Metrics Spreadsheet (to be emailed 6/15)
Optional: "after" survey used for Colchester Ave/Pearl St/Prospect St pilot (6/15 email)

Please Bring: Optional: light snacks or beverages to share

Meeting Goals: 1. Reach consensus on Route 127 intersection implementation schedule
2. Troubleshoot and plan for Route 127 intersection
3. Identify pods for small group focus

AGENDA

<i>discussion + action</i>	HOUSEKEEPING Introductions as needed Google Groups check-in Review agenda Approve May meeting minutes	www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/North-Avenue-Corridor <i>5 min.</i>
	PUBLIC COMMENTS Time allocated for open discussions	<i>15 min. as needed</i>
<i>discussion</i>	DATA COLLECTION UPDATE DPW parking inventory CCRPC updates	<i>5 min.</i>
<i>discussion + action</i>	PILOT PROJECT PLANNING Rt. 127 intersection Schedule of tasks & outreach Before/After traffic simulations & metrics Troubleshooting	<i>60 min.</i> <i>Goals: reach consensus on the schedule, find the devil in the details, and ID immediate next steps</i>
<i>discussion</i>	FOCUS GROUPS Consider small pods of Task Force members with particular interests	<i>15 min.</i> <i>Note: North Ave News June 24 deadline</i>
<i>discussion + action</i>	NEXT STEPS Schedule next meeting Agenda items	<i>On deck for upcoming meetings: Crosswalk grant details, road diet design, Rutland details, parking/bike lane designs, decisionmaking process</i> <i>Outreach: Winter surveys, tools to measure business impacts, more as projects begin</i>

RT. 127 INTERSECTION TASKS / SCHEDULE

Schedule	Task	NATF	Decisionmaker Input
June/August	Draft design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block eastbound ramp • Remove island at westbound ramp • Signal timing / striping / signs "Before" data	Design, data	Present to Mayor Fire Department input
July/August	Begin outreach about fall pilot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share design, schedule, & outreach plan • Present design to NPA, host open house, _____ General outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAN, FPF • DPW: social media, online with traffic simulations 	Design, outreach	Public Works Commission input Transp., Energy, Utilities input
September	Installation / launch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information signs on-site in advance • Observe / modify Launch online survey 3 weeks into trial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise survey through general outreach tools 	Outreach, observe	
October	Initial "after" data Outreach, observe, modify, etc. continue	Data, outreach	Update Mayor, PWC, TEUC
November	Decision to leave through winter?	Advise	DPW Director with input from NATF, Mayor, PWC, TEUC, Police & Fire, Community

Rt. 127 intersection challenges for Pilot Project

- Ramp removal will skew perception of lane reassignment
- Ramp should be removed for merging into new lane configuration, otherwise merge at Saratoga Ave; merge can still function for road diet if pilot reverts to current intersection operations
- Free-flow lanes make ped/bike crossings very challenging

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, unable to secure state or federal funds to reconstruct
- Westbound off-ramp closed in 2008
 - o Closed slip ramp, ped-activated signal to stop slip ramp traffic, added snow storage area to sidewalk