

1. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Removing conflict points that cause crashes
Graphics of conflict points
Most common crash types

2. HOW ARE WE GOING TO SOLVE IT?

Piloting a Complete Street model

What's a complete street?

Picture and description

Research facts

What's a pilot?

Trial Run/Test

Looks at traffic organization before and after, measures impacts, evaluates, takes input, adjusts

Picture of flow chart from Website

How will it work on North Ave?

Painting of lines

Intersection timing and tweaking

Goal to minimize inconvenience but maximize safe travel

Picture of the following:

Between Washington St. and Institute Rd. we'll test narrower travel lanes and buffered, painted bike lanes

Between the high school and VT 127 we'll test narrower travel lanes and trade parking lanes for protected bike lanes

In place of 4-lanes we'll test 3-lanes with bike lanes

Between Shore Road and Plattsburg Avenue we'll test narrower travel lanes and buffered, painted bike lanes

At St. Mark's Church we'll test parking on the west side of North Avenue, narrower travel lanes, and buffered, painted bike lanes

Where bicycle lanes lead into intersections, we'll test continuous bicycle lanes through the intersection

3. HOW WILL WE IMPLEMENT THIS AND HOW WILL WE KNOW IF IT'S A SUCCESS?

When is it starting?

Work will begin in Late Spring 2016; the official start date will be announced (hopefully in March)

How will it be evaluated?

Input from community

Data from transportation experts (before and after)

How will it be decided if it is happening or not?

Community input
Data
DPW

Director of Public Works will consider all measurements, observations, community input*, and staff recommendations when considering any modifications to the pilot and when considering the conclusion of the pilot.

Four months after the pilot project is installed, and again at the conclusion of the project, an update and recommendations from city staff will be presented* to the community at the Public Works Commission and the Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee of City Council.

To fully measure and observe the pilot changes, this pilot may continue for up to 1-year and will have additional updates and recommendations along the way. This schedule will be finalized based on the input received, observations, and measurements.

*Extensive public input is a foundation of a pilot project . your feedback is vital! Opportunities are still in development but here are ways to share your stories

4. WHO IS DOING THE WORK?

What is the Task Force and what does it do?

The Burlington City Council unanimously approved the North Avenue Corridor Plan in October 2014 and created a Task Force to administer its implementation, beginning with the Pilot Project.

This Pilot Project is focused on improving safety on North Avenue; many sections are identified as High Crash Corridors by the State of Vermont. Realigning the travel lanes will remove conflict points that are causing crashes. As a pilot project, we can understand if the community accepts the changes and if the changes meet their technical expectations for improvements. If the changes are unacceptable, the corridor can revert to its original configuration.

The North Avenue Task Force fosters collaboration throughout the process of implementation of the Pilot Project.

Primarily, the purpose of the task force is to collaborate with the Department of Public Works to implement roadway improvements along North Avenue.

Secondarily, the goal of the Task Force is to inform and engage the community about the improvements: implementation, outreach, education, and evaluation of the conditions on North Avenue.

How can the community work with the Task Force?

The task force meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month between 6PM . 8PM. These meetings include discussing and taking input on when and how to carry out the pilot, as well as methods for educating and collecting input from citizens.

Public input is crucial to our decision making process. Our deliberations are open discussions where all are encouraged and welcome to participate.

Public and citizen engagement is important at each meeting as well as through community engagement events such as NPA meetings. Additionally, residents are encouraged to reach out to Task Force members via the Web, email, social media or in-person to ask questions or to provide feedback.

The Task Force also makes requests and recommendations to the DPW and CCRPC who are experts in the data collection/ evaluation, engineering, implementation, and public involvement.

Additionally, the Task Force and the DPW reports to the city and City Council through updates and recommendations.

Who is on the task force?

9 Volunteer citizens from Wards 3, 4 and 7.

- Wards are represented by 2 people from each NPA- a representative and an alternate.
- City Councillors for each of the three Wards appointed a person from each Ward to be on the task force.

Representatives from other city departments and organization include:

- Burlington Police Department
- Burlington Fire Department
- Burlington School District,
- Planning and Zoning
- Chittenden County Transportation Authority.
- CEDO

Support and expertise for the work of the task force is provided by representatives from:

- Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC),

5. WHAT DOES THE MARCH 3 NORTH AVENUE BALLOT QUESTION MEAN FOR THE PILOT PROJECT?

The Task Force is collaborating with the City on the Pilot Project. The ballot question will provide information to the city but is not related to the pilot project.

6. WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

Citizen involvement and education outreach support

- PTO's to host informational meetings
- Individuals willing to host information sessions.
- organizations and businesses willing to publish information
 - Newsletters
 - Interior and exterior posters
 - Facebook- organizations/businesses

Brainstorm of organizations:

- CHT
- Banks
- AARP
- Housing Centers
- Businesses

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