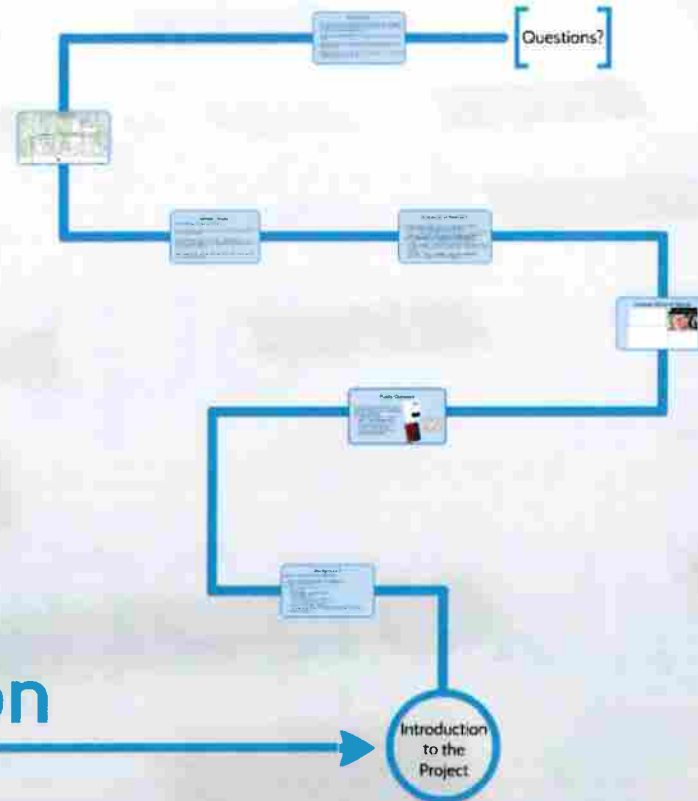


Downtown Pearl St Parking Reconfiguration

July 20, 2016





Introduction to the Project

Background

Pearl Street Planning Study Conducted by Stantec

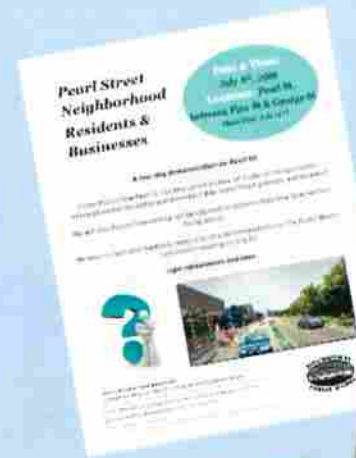
- **Finalized Report/Recommendations in August of 2015**
 - Bike Lanes on Pearl Street
 - Curb extensions on various corners of Pearl Street
 - Reclaim eastern-most right hand turn lane on Battery Street
 - Alter lane configuration between Battery Street and N Champlain Street to only one lane of traffic in each direction.
 - Alter placement of metered parking along Pearl Street to accommodate changes listed above



Public Outreach

DPW conducted public outreach to gain constructive feedback from residents and businesses on the plan:

- Mailed flyer invitations to Pop Up
- Door-to-door visits to businesses between Battery St and George St
- Conducted a Pop Up July 8, showing a demonstration of curb extension and bike lane



Concepts Shown at Pop Up

Pearl Street, Battery to North Champlain - Concept



Summary of Feedback












- **5 of 7 businesses were either in favor of or neutral about the project**
 - Positives: More ped/bike traffic in the area; Bike lanes
 - Concerns: Losing staff parking (Leonardo's); Increase in homeless population
 - Suggestions: More trash/recycling receptacles; More handicap parking
- **10 of 16 comments left at the Pop Up were in favor of the project**
 - Positives: Lots of support for bike/ped infrastructure improvements
 - Concerns (3 people): The reclaimed lane on Battery St may not be a relaxing place to sit; It's dangerous for cyclists to bike in the road; Want *more* parking on Pearl St.
 - Suggestions: Turn into "shared space" road; Create roundabouts at intersections; Add iron rails on each side of bike lanes

Additional Changes

- Add on street handicap parking (2 spots)
- Add garbage and recycling receptacles on Pearl Street between Battery Street and George Street
- Install a parking sign along the north side of Pearl Street across from Pine Street to better advertise the off-street parking lot between Bove's and Pearl Street Laundromat
- Allow public parking after 5pm in police only parking spots between N Champlain and George Street

Low Cost, Quick Build Plan for Pearl Street



-  = Curb Extension
-  = Bike Lane
-  = Public Parking
-  = Reclaimed Hardscape
-  = Bike Lane Buffer
-  = Bus Parking
-  = Public Seating
-  = Hybrid Beacon Signal
-  = Potential Seasonal Planters
-  = Police Parking
-  = Handicapped Parking

Ordinance Changes

- Create one handicap parking space on the north side of Pearl Street, immediately west of North Champlain, and one handicap parking space on the north side of Pearl Street, immediately west of George Street.
- Prohibit parking on the south side of Pearl Street between Pine Street and Battery Street.
- Allow metered parking on the north side of Pearl Street between Battery Street and N Champlain Street.
- Allow unrestricted parking between 5pm and 8am in the police only on street parking spots on the north side of Pearl Street.

Questions?