



Bike & Ped Safety Walk Through – Hardwick STP PC23(1)

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 12, 2021

Place/Time: Town of Hardwick – 9:00 A.M.

Next Meeting: TBD

Attendees: Matthew Bogaczyk, P.E. - VTrans Project Manager
Kevin Locke – VTrans Project Management
Jon Kaplan, P.E. - VTrans Bike & Ped
Erick Eby, P.E. - VTrans
Chris Lathrop, P.E. – DuBois & King, Inc.
Stephanie Solla, P.E. – DuBois & King, Inc.

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Item:	Discussion/Action:
1. Local motions recommendation for a crosswalk crossing VT route 15 on east side of VT14/VT 15 intersection	No sidewalk on north side (Westbound lane) of VT 15. Retaining wall on south side (Eastbound). No viable location for pedestrian ramp without significant sidewalk improvements along store frontage. This location was deemed out of scope for this project
2. Local motions recommendation for a crosswalk crossing VT route 14 on west side of VT14/VT 15 intersection.	Safety concerns as north side (Southbound lane) is on a blind corner with no stop control. South side (Northbound lane) ped ramp would need to be immediately adjacent to Holton Hill Rd or significant improvements to sidewalk including drainage. This location was deemed out of scope for this project. If constructed should be a standalone project addressing all safety concerns.
3. Pedestrian and traffic safety task force recommended crosswalk near Cherry Street.	Best location appears to be on east side of Lower/Upper Cherry Street intersections with VT14. A crosswalk will be incorporated into the preliminary plans for review and comment.
4. Discussed milling/paving drive aprons in areas where pavement is wide and project will not coarse-mill full width.	It was decided in areas of over widened pavement a standard width will be determine and no additional milling/paving will be done at adjacent driveways.
5. Discussed proposed bump out at 178+25 (Parking area crosswalk).	DK will reach out to town to determine min offset from centerline to face of curb for

	plowing purposes. A bump out down stream of crosswalk was not proposed due to the existing drainage basin.
6. Discussed proposed bump out at 179+70 (Pedestrian Bridge crosswalk).	After further review and discussion it was decided this bump out is not recommended. There is an existing HC parking stall adjacent to the current pedestrian ramp. This parking spot will need to be eliminated because it's within 20 feet of the crosswalk. The HC parking stall will be moved to the next stall west. Incorporating a bulb out will require a HC person to walk in the roadway around the bulb out to the cross walk. It was noted the pedestrian ramp on the eastbound side of the road requires rebuilding. This will be incorporated into the plans.
7. Local Motions recommendation to eliminate two parking stalls on the inside corner of VT15 at Main Street intersection.	The town has already eliminated these parking stalls. The project is proposing to install three independent bulb outs at this location to protect pedestrians using the two crosswalks adjacent to this locations and to better delineate the travel way. These will be incorporated into the preliminary plans for review and comment.
8. Local Motions recommendation to install bump outs and a crosswalk at Main Street intersection	This area was discussed. Due to the project limits, drainage, parking orientations and conditions of existing sidewalks it was determine this improvement is outside the project scope and would benefit best from a standalone project where there is time for improvements to be better vetted and scoped to best suit the town. It was determined that the pedestrian ramp at the NE corner of VT 15 and Main Street should be reconstructed. This will be incorporated into the preliminary plan.
9. Crosswalk at Post office	No detectable warning devices are currently present on either side of the crosswalk. New concrete pad with detectable warning surfaces will be incorporated as part of the project. Crosswalk will be skewed slightly to place a new concrete pad with detectable warning at the very edge of drive.
10. Crosswalk at Market	This crosswalk is poorly placed between driveway openings with no receiving sidewalk.



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	It was determined this crosswalk should not be restriped as part of the project.
11. Pedestrian and traffic safety task force recommended a speed safety sign be installed in advance of Glenside Ave approaching the village.	The VTrans PM will check to see if this can be incorporated into the project. If so the town will most likely need to immediately take over responsibility and maintenance.
12. Pedestrian and traffic safety task force recommendation for signage to alternative parking.	This is an out of scope item for this project.
13. Pedestrian and traffic safety task force recommendation for Street Decal Bicycle symbols (Sharrows).	The project will look to incorporate Sharrows into the preliminary plans for review and comment.
14. Pedestrian and traffic safety task force recommendation for incorporating Stop, wait, wave markings at crosswalks.	These markings have not been adopted by VTrans and cannot be incorporated into the pavement. The town could paint markings onto the concrete pedestrian ramps once the project has been completed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the author immediately.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher D Lathrop'.

Christopher D. Lathrop, P.E.

DuBois & King, Inc.