

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Committee Overview

The South Burlington Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (SBBPC) is charged with advocating for the City's new and existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure including shared use paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and trails. SBBPC also advises City Council on matters concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety, policies, and current and future operational needs. The SBBPC mission and duties has shifted in recent years and, as such, they have adopted an updated Committee Charge which was adopted by City Council on November 21, 2022.

Members

Havaleh Gagne (Chair), Bob Britt (Vice Chair), Nic Anderson (Clerk), Amanda Holland, Ann Ellen Mason, Dana Farr, Donna Leban, Doug Goodman, Joel Klug

City Staff Liaison: Erica Quallen, DPW Deputy Director of Capital Projects

Accomplishments and Events

Project Progress in FY22

- VTrans grant received to design and install 2 crosswalks on Williston Road at Pine Tree Terrace and near Mills Ave.
- 4 scoping studies received funding from the CCRPC through their Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to be undertaken in FY 23. SBBPC meetings will be utilized as the platform for public meetings for 2 of these projects.
- Crosswalk with RRFB on Kennedy Drive at W Twin Oaks Terrace was constructed.
- 3 crosswalks were installed on Hinesburg Road at Ruth Street, Prouty Parkway, and the Awasiwi Trail Crossing.
- Upper Allen Rd shared use path was constructed from Spear Street to Baycrest Drive.
- Kimball Ave shared use path over Muddy Brook was constructed during bridge reconstruction.

Progress Towards FY22 Priority Areas

Priority Area #1: Cultivate and maintain a network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that provides a safe and accessible connection for all residents.

- Participated in FY23 CIP process and made recommendations on allocating Penny for Paths funds.
- Safety recommendations were made to DPW Staff and City Council, and DPW has responded by updating striping and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) throughout the City.
- Members participated in the Queen City Park Road Scoping Study

- 10 bicycle and pedestrian projects currently ongoing, with at least 1 beginning construction in 2023.

Priority Area #2: Strengthen communication with the South Burlington community on bike and pedestrian network needs, priorities, and successes.

- Committee members continue to attend meetings of other committees across the City and participate in local and regional bicycle and pedestrian events
- Advised City Council on ways to improve interactions between vehicles and bicyclists
- Advocated to City Council in support of adding \$30,000 budget line item for bicycle and pedestrian maintenance.
- Published 32 articles in The Other Paper related to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and use.
- Hosted public meetings for multiple ongoing bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Priority Area #3: Promote a culture of using the bike and pedestrian network as a pleasant, safe, and easy alternative for transportation to school, work, recreation and activities of daily living.

- Planning has begun for committee members to continue undertaking Safe Routes to School initiatives.
- Collaborated with Recreation and Parks Department to improve wayfinding on recreation paths.
- [PeopleForBikes](#) ranked South Burlington 82nd out of 565 Small Cities (85th percentile) in 2022. The community received a Community Score of 48, with the average score of all 1,105 cities being 24.

Quantitative Data

Bicycle and Pedestrian Network

- Approximately 30 RRFBs were upgraded
- 148 crosswalks were inventoried by committee members

FY 2023 Goals and Priorities

Goals

From the Comprehensive Plan: Create a bicycle and pedestrian friendly City with safe transportation infrastructure.

Priorities

Priority Area #1: Cultivate and maintain a network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that provides a safe and accessible connection for all residents.

- ACTION: Engage closely with City Staff on the allocation of the Penny for Paths Fund as well as a strategic plan for implementing priority projects.
- ACTION: Annually participate in the CIP process to ensure alignment with the Committee's bike and pedestrian infrastructure priorities.
- ACTION: Meet regularly with Dept. of Public Works to drive alignment on safety, maintenance and network priorities.
- ACTION: Coordinate with the Recreation & Parks Dept. and appropriate City Committees to ensure City trails are accessible and maintained.
- ACTION: In coordination with City Staff, monitor the condition of the bike and pedestrian network (paint, signage, surface condition) and report maintenance concerns.
- ACTION: Participate in scoping studies, planning efforts, and development review applications that impact bike and pedestrian modes of travel and monitor the integration of the preferred alternative or permit condition through to construction.
- ACTION: Advance new crosswalk locations by working with City Staff to determine level of design and funding necessary for installation.
- ACTION: Annually review and provide updates to the mapped data of bike and pedestrian infrastructure (existing and proposed GIS datasets) to maintain an accurate record of the system.

Priority Area #2: Strengthen communication with the South Burlington community on bike and pedestrian network needs, priorities, and successes.

- ACTION: Increase awareness of South Burlington as a bikeable, walkable city through community outreach, digital/paper maps, signage and community surveys (People for Bikes and League of American Bicyclists surveys).
- ACTION: Provide guidance to City Staff on the development and deployment of the Recreation Path wayfinding package and regulatory signage.
- ACTION: Communicate bike and pedestrian network needs, priorities, successes through announcements, events, meetings, digital/paper maps, and publicity.
- ACTION: Support City Staff in conveying the progress of projects funded by the Penny for Paths Initiative with signage and announcements to indicate infrastructure improvements "coming soon" or completed.

Priority Area #3: Promote a culture of using the bike and pedestrian network as a pleasant, safe, and easy alternative for transportation to school, work, recreation and activities of daily living.

- ACTION: Partner with Energy Committee and South Burlington schools to increase bus, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian commuting for students, staff, and residents (statewide *Way to Go School* program, *Safe Routes to School* program and Committee's *Neighborhood to Schools Greenway* pilot).
 - Partner on efforts to annually promote and support the statewide *Way to Go School Program* and schools registered with the *Vermont Safe Routes to School Program*.
 - Continue the design and deployment of the *Neighborhood to Schools Greenway Pilot* to create a safe route by foot or bike for middle and high school students to get to school from the Mayfair Park and adjacent neighborhoods.
 - Promote *Bike to Work Week* to encourage non-car transportation.

- Promote walk/bike to City Center (as building continues).
- ACTION: Collaborate with state and local agencies to explore novel ways to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety by deprioritizing automobile transportation.
- ACTION: Participate on the City's Climate Action Plan through a Committee liaison, cognizant of the important role micro-mobility devices will play in a carbon-neutral future.
- ACTION: Identify partnerships to aid the education of all modes of travel (automobile, e-assist devices, and non-motorized) on the rules of the road and use of the South Burlington network.