

MINUTES

Bike/Walk Task Force
Monday, December 1st, 7 pm
Health Department Conference Room, 137 East Ave.

Present: Mike Mushak, Peter Libre, Jud Aley, Kaitlin Laitham, , Tilly Hatcher, Tim Callahan, Burton Avery, Ian Ray, Robert Koch (Hour reporter)

1.) Presentation by Health Department employee Kaitlin Latham, and group discussion, of latest digital progress of Comprehensive City-Wide Bike Route Plan. She explained new layers and that the plan was done and ready for posting on the city website soon. Burton Avery (BA) asked how the plan would be prioritized, and Mike Mushak (MM) said that there was a list done that would be discussed in the next agenda item that was based mostly on the 2012 Pedestrian and Bike Plan's Tier One Recommendations that the consultant has already done the homework on in terms of need.

2.) MM presented the priority list for 2015, which started a discussion about budgets including the fact that the 2012 P/B Plan had figures that included sidewalk improvements that we were not including for the bike plan list. BA suggested sidewalks should be included, and MM explained that there was a sidewalk plan being conducted and that although it made sense to combine the two eventually, at this point it was a monumental effort and that starting with bike lanes and sharrows was much simpler for the Task Force to start to get at the "low-hanging fruit" in the near term.

Here is the priority list that MM presented (and amended later after more feedback): totals show bike lanes, with sharrow segments of total shown in (parentheses):

2015:

- 1.) Highland Ave bet. Flax Hill and Wilson: 2 miles total (1.5 m)
- 2.) Richards Ave bet. Fallow and Flax Hill: 1.8 miles total
- 3.) Rowayton Ave bet. Flax Hill and Cudlipp: 1 mile total
- 4.) West Ave. bet. Wall and Mathews Park: 0.5 mile total
- 5.) Wall St. bet. East and West Ave.: 0.3 mile total (.1 mile)
- 6.) West Rocks/France bet. Main and North Ave.: 2.8 m. total (2.4 mile of sharrows), see p. 23 of 2012 Ped and Bike Plan for details
- 7.) Sunset Hill/Beacon: 0.6 mile total
- 8.) Seaview/Cove/First 0.8 mile total (0.5 mile)
- 9.) Flax Hill: 1.5 mile total (1.5 mile)
- 10.) Norden: 0.5 mile total (0.5 mile)
- 11.) Calf Pasture: 1.5 mile total
- 12.) Lower East Ave (lane on left side of one way st.): 0.3 m. tot.

State roads (DOT), Redevelopment projects (not in budget request, but for state roads recommend official request to DOT):

- 1.) DOT: Route 136 :(from east to west, part of East Coast Greenway): mostly sharrows: Cudlipp, Rowayton, McKinley, Highland, Wilson, Meadow, Burritt, Water, Fort Point, Van Zant, East, Winfield Total length approx. 5.0 miles
- 2.) Redevelopment Agency: Monroe (sharrows), 0.2 mile, Washington (sharrows), .3 mile, Stroffolino Bridge, Selleck St under Yankee Doodle (Loop Trail), 148 East Ave (Loop Trail), 40 Cross St (Loop Trail)

2016: East Rocks, Wolfpit, Toilsome, Allen, Grumman, Baine, Fox Run, Osborne, Total length approx. 7.0 miles (5.5 miles sharrows)

2017: East Ave. bet St John and Winfield (bike lanes), Fairfield, Ponus, Silvermine, (sharrows), etc., others to be determined.