

TOWN OF WILLISTON
MOBILITY PROJECTS
MODE SHIFT
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020 – 6pm
Dorothy Alling Memorial Library – 21 Library Ln., Williston

Group members present: Kevin Thorley, Peter Keibel, Stuart Meyer & Amy Brewer

Absent: none

Public: none

1) CALL TO ORDER

Amy Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Welcome Kevin and Stuart to our group!

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

none

3) CONTINUE TO EXAMINE DATA COLLECTED SINCE 1/22

No additional data was gathered. Amy reached out to the School District Transportation Director but did not hear back from either email she sent. Peter also did not hear back on any data from CCRPC

4) ID ADDITIONAL DATA NEEDS/PLANS FOR ACCESSING:

- Where do we have pinch points/challenges: no good way for pedestrians/bikes to cross I-89 either at 2A where the new park n ride will be or at Oak Hill
- Mapping group looked at currently underused parking spots around town. Identified some around Staples (2A facing spaces and some nearer State Policy Barracks), Old Navy (east side of building), spots behind Longhorn (facing driveway from 2A), Shaw's (nearest the rec path on Rte. 2), and others. Could the Town work with the landlord of Maple Tree Place and nearby businesses to decrease parking restrictions in return for using some of those spots for mode shift facilities?
- Could we have local sponsorship of a bike loan program? (Like Ben & Jerry's and 7th Generation in Burlington) Maybe Healthy Living?
- Finney Crossing and Cottonwood are still being build – is it too late to include mode shift plans in there?

5) BEGIN TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODE SHIFT FACILITIES (in no order):

- Maintain all sidewalks in winter. Currently, Southridge is not maintained, storms sometimes cause 3-4 days without sidewalks plowed, etc.
- Begin approaching property owners and developers, such as Finney Crossing, Cottonwood, and Maple Tree Place to negotiate loosening parking spot restrictions in exchange for mode shift facilities in underutilized parking areas
- Consider collaboration/incentives for local hotels that use an airport shuttle, but may be able to utilize that shuttle around town when not being used for hotel customers (Jitney for around town travel without a car, or “last mile” from commute/transit)
- Mode Shift facilities (Taft Corners, Village, western area, northern area):
 - Pastabilities area:
 - Target population: employees traveling to Burlington/S. Burlington
 - Need: carpool collection area, access public transit route, ped access, and bike commute
 - ?Is there off-road access to State Building/Synergy Complex behind buildings?

- Taft Corners Near Staples/Longhorn
 - Target population: commuters heading N or S on the interstate -e specifically Waterbury/Montpelier or St. Albans, Taft Corner shoppers
 - Need: carpool collection area, bike storage, pedestrian access
- Taft Corners Finney Crossing
 - Target population: employers traveling to Burlington/S. Burlington, around town shoppers, Allen Brook School families
 - Need: carpool collection area, access public transit route, ped access, bike commute
- Taft Corners REI/Hannaford area
 - Target population: in-town errands/shoppers who wish to park and walk, bike, take public transit/jitney
 - Need: carpool collection, access public transit, ped access, bike access, electric charging station infrastructure (connect to proposed road)
- Taft Corners/Blair Park
 - Target population: employees and students traveling to work in Blair Park (including VTC), accessing health care at UVMMC clinic/Kismet building
 - Need: access public transit, ped and bike access
- Village/Town Hall/Armory area/Solar Farm
 - Target population: employees traveling toward Richmond or from south side of Williston, students at WCS
 - Need: carpool collection, bike/ped access
- Village/Health Center
 - Target population: folks using health center
 - Need: jitney stop, bike/ped infrastructure
- Brennan Woods
 - Target population: employees traveling out of Brennan Woods and near-by neighborhoods to work, students traveling to ABS and/or WCS
 - Need: bike parking, carpool collection, bike/ped access
- Integrate with School busing community
 - Look for remote drop off facilities near schools to decrease traffic at schools
 - Consider working with the school to limit car access to schools
 - Consider compacting student collection points so they are at neighborhood entrances rather than individual driveways. Would decrease time on the bus for all, shorten routes, and save \$ on time/gas

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6) GROUP LOGISTICS

- Next meeting: did not set. Ready to meet up with other 2 groups for a full discussion
- Amy to draft minutes

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

For more information about Mobility Project, go to town.williston.vt.us and click on “Departments/ Services, then “Planning & Zoning,” and “Williston Mobility Projects Group,” or stop by the Planning & Zoning Office at 7878 Williston Road or call 802-878-6704.