



Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

August 12, 2026

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee held a regular meeting on August 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm, in Room 301 of City Hall and by Zoom.

Committee Members present (R = Remote): Bob Britt (Vice Chair), Kim Maxwell, Donna Leban, Freeman Stein and Doug Goodman(R)

Also present: Erica Quallen Towle (City Staff), Andrew Chalnack (City Council Liaison), Ryan Doyle, and Loretta Marriott

1. Welcome, Emergency Exit and Virtual Meeting Instructions, Gratitude
 - a. Andrew was grateful that the Sewer and Stormwater bond was approved overwhelmingly by the voters
2. Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda
 - a. Freeman asked if we could move up the "Friends for a Walkable/Bikeable South Burlington." It was decided to move it up to follow the Approval of the Minutes.
 - b. Ryan was interested in hearing about the Crowdsourcing process to collect information on the location of bike racks in the City and where they are missing near retail and other locations.
 - c. Erica suggested that the Committee hold off this discussion to a later meeting so that she had time to have Ariel, the City's GIS person, design a web map that could be used to gather the information. The fields to include were discussed as follows:
 - i. Obviously, the location
 - ii. Whether anchored to the ground
 - iii. How many bikes can be accommodated
 - iv. What type/design
 - v. Is it covered
 - vi. Ability to add a picture
 - vii. Then, the location as to where bike racks are missing
 - d. Loretta suggested that the Committee recognize with gratitude for all the work that Tom DePietro has done for the City and to support bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. She suggested the following resolution:
 - i. "On Tom DiPietro's departure, the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee recognizes and expresses gratitude for Tom's contributions in

support of South Burlington's Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure. We appreciate so many people working together achieving many improvements in our active transportation options. Tom supported and believed in this vision. Thank you, Tom."

- e. Following discussion, the resolution was moved by Donna and seconded by Kim, and approved unanimously. Loretta left the meeting at this point.
- 3. Comments and questions from the public not related to the agenda
 - a. None
 - 4. Consideration of Minutes
 - a. Documents: [Draft 7/12/2026 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Minutes](#)
 - b. Bob noted that the first 4 bullets under #7 were duplication from #6 above. He also wanted to add that in item 7i that Freeman had also joined the Communication subgroup and that the Safe Routes to Schools wording should state "group" and not "subgroup." He asked for a link to the City Update in the agenda be included in #8. Finally, that #11biii be changed to #11C.
 - c. Motion by Freeman to accept edits from Bob and approve.
 - d. Seconded by Kim.
 - e. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried
 - 5. Friends for a Walkable/Bikeable South Burlington Discussion
 - a. Bob explained to the new members how his separate entity was formed to help advocate for the Penny For Paths initiative back in 2017-2018.
 - b. Freeman had been in a Friends of Northampton Trails organization prior to moving to Vermont
 - c. Freeman and Bob got together to discuss how re-starting the SB Friends group could support Bike and Ped initiatives within the City including"
 - i. Supporting the DPW with coordinated maintenance like is done with Green Up Day
 - ii. Safety initiatives
 - iii. Education
 - iv. Lead Rides
 - v. Advocate for the next Penny for Paths tax
 - vi. Advocate for more paths and crosswalks
 - d. Freeman said that it would ultimately be set up as a 501(c)(3), have awards for the best volunteers, hold an annual meeting, etc.
 - e. Freeman left the meeting at this time.
 - 6. City Updates
 - a. Erica announced that Chief Breault and City Attorney, Colin McNeil, would be presenting E-Bike and E-motto related updates to the City's ordinances to

City Council on August 18. Erica assured the Committee that its recommended ordinance changes were considered in their work. Discussion followed that the changes should include financial penalties, confiscation and parental responsibility misdemeanor penalties for misuse of these devices.

- b. Erica said that the “City Naming Policy” of public assets would also be discussed at the August 18th City Council meeting and that the Committee could then have the opportunity to provide its recommendation(s).
 - c. Erica said that the Council had voted to move forward with negotiations to acquire the ROW that crosses the former Long Property that would allow a shared use path, etc. to be built to connect the South Village and South Pointe neighborhoods.
 - d. Weekly updates for the I-89 Bridge project are available by going to the “Notify Me” page on the City’s website.
7. Review Shared Use Path and E-Bike Safety and Education Plan
- a. The Safety and DPW subgroup has moved the safety lawn signs twice with about a third of the signs having been absconded.
 - b. They submitted a request for reordering the Warn Others When Passing, No E-Bikes Over 750W and a request for a new Andy-designed lawn sign that dealt with the fact that some users are wearing headphones or earbuds and cannot hear approaching runners and bicyclists. Suggested wording included “Look & Listen to Your Surroundings” and “Please be Alert” including a graphic showing headphones and earbuds perhaps with a circle and a line through them.
 - c. The subgroup also asked the City to purchase bike bells to be installed free at the upcoming Green Community Festival and other future events where bicycles will be present.
 - d. Other updates included planned The Other Paper articles, plans for permanent signs for next spring, and the need to come up with a school education plan.
8. Road Safety Signage Recommendations –
- <https://www.southburlingtonvt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6103/Street-Signs-Recommended-to-Improve-Road-Safety---Updated-07-27-2026-PDF>
- a. The Safety and DPW subgroup presented its recommendations for Street Signs Recommended To Improve Road Safety for Vulnerable Road Users. Comments from the Committee on the subgroups draft listing included:
 - i. For #1, include a “State Law” plate
 - ii. For #3, Erica said the flags needed to be orange instead of red. She said that she would check to see if the City already had the brackets needed for the signs.

- iii. For #4, it was recommended that the signs in question be located closer to the first crosswalk that someone would come to from each City border road entrance.
 - iv. For #5, suggested that one be added on Airport Parkway at each end of the culvert near the Lime Kiln intersection. Erica needs to also install "Bike Lane Ends" signs.
 - v. For #5d, it was recommended that the sign be located on Swift after the one makes the turn going north on Spear Street onto Swift.
 - vi. For #7, Ryan recommended that if that area were mowed more often and the trees and bushes cut back, it would not seem so narrow to the rider. Erica said that the City would remove the "ENDS" sign plate if the shoulder were 5 feet wide.
 - vii. For #9b, it should read, Dorset Street south of Swift Street
9. Green Community Festival Planning
- a. Havaleh, Donna and Doug have signed up so far to work the event
 - b. The Committee has no bike parking responsibilities
 - c. Erica to provide two maps of the active transportation network and of CIP projects.
 - d. The free bike bell installation needs to be figured out: tools, who, etc.
 - e. Erica to provide a large "Respect the Share" code of conduct sign
 - f. Have materials present to conduct the bike rack survey
 - g. E-moto information – Bob to sent Donna his When is an E-Bike Not an E-bike article with pictures of illegal e-motos that cannot use paths and sidewalks.
10. Safe Routes to School Group Updates – No meeting held since last Committee meeting.
11. Sub-Group Updates – none except those above
12. Confirm Next Meeting – September 9th – Bob and Donna will be away, Doug is a "solid maybe."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Bob Britt - Acting Clerk