

Barre DPW Highlights in Movement

Completing changes in a trial mode: **PARKING ISSUES No.2**

The City manages its streets, water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure all across the City. Parking is an important element of operating the City both for commerce and community. Barre is facing increasing demands for parking as the City revitalization continues.

In addition to the changes noted in the initial Highlights in Movement - Parking, there are other actions under discussion with City Advisory Committees and other advisors such as the VT Dept. of Health and LocalMotion.

Church St Parking expansion consists of 9 additional spaces in the existing “No Parking Zone”, e.g., the traffic gore that exists between Church St and US302. Traffic gores are areas where all traffic is intended to be prohibited. The need for additional parking in the downtown area, and conformance with traffic markings made the conversion of the gore to parking spaces an important step forward. The traffic barrels are a temporary measure to separate the parking spaces and US302. A more permanent isolation technique is planned to be placed after the City gains experience with the newly created spaces.



Washington St Parking expansion will be evaluated as a “pop-up” in the weeks before and after the Barre Heritage Festival Days at the end of July. The parking spaces will be on the right side of the street when traveling eastbound on US 302. The spaces will begin a safe distance from the crosswalk to Academy St continuing to a point set back from the intersections of US302 with Mount and Perry St.



South Main St Parking expansion will consist of 10 total spaces (possibly an 8th after consulting with landowner) on VT 14 southbound located on the right: between 17 So Main St (Barre Evangelical Free Church) and 37 So Main St (last building before RR crossing) and 2 spaces on the left at 74 South Main St just southerly of the access drive at the RR crossing. There will be more consideration about space placement, but this option optimizes traffic calming characteristics. Driver direction and attention is heightened by creating a serpentine pattern. The use of a pop-up will allow assessment of parking on both sides of the street, before making a final decision



South Main ST from west sidewalk



South Main St from east sidewalk

There are additional actions that are under consideration for use in Barre City related to traffic safety, traffic calming and improving mobility for pedestrians and cyclists. Cross walks and speed control efforts are among the high priority items for implementation. More information here within the next month.

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