



City of Barre, Vermont

September 15, 2021, 6:30 PM

Regular Meeting of the

Transportation Advisory Committee

Venue Options:

Council Chambers, City Hall

Virtual, Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/99781286089?pwd=ZFZzTjJaamVQd2ZkNWdnVUdWSTFPUT09>

Meeting ID: 997 8128 6089 Passcode: 322040

Agenda

1. Call to order - 6:30 PM
2. Adjustments to the agenda
3. Approval of minutes
 1. July 21, 2021
 2. August 18, 2021
4. Visitors and communications

Input from the public for items not on the agenda.
5. Public Works Department monthly transportation report

Department staff reports on transportation work and planning since the previous meeting.
6. Old business
 1. Berlin Street rail crossing (10 minutes)

Public Works provides update on project. TAC addresses outcome of February 19, 2020 meeting.
7. New business
 1. Review of prior meetings and outcomes (30 minutes)

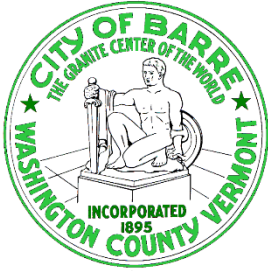
Committee considers recent meetings, motions made, and subsequent actions taken by the City.
 2. Discussion of public input process (20 minutes)

Committee considers formalizing the process that leads to public hearings on local changes to transportation infrastructure, with the goal of making the impact of Committee meetings clearer to the public.
 3. Set priorities for upcoming meetings (30 minutes)

Committee reviews suggested topics and sets rough priorities for future agendas.
8. Confirm date of next meeting
 1. October 20, 2021
9. Roundtable
10. Adjourn

5) Public Works Department monthly transportation report

Report was not available at the time the packet was prepared.



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and Engineering
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Traffic Pattern Change

Hill St –Perry St

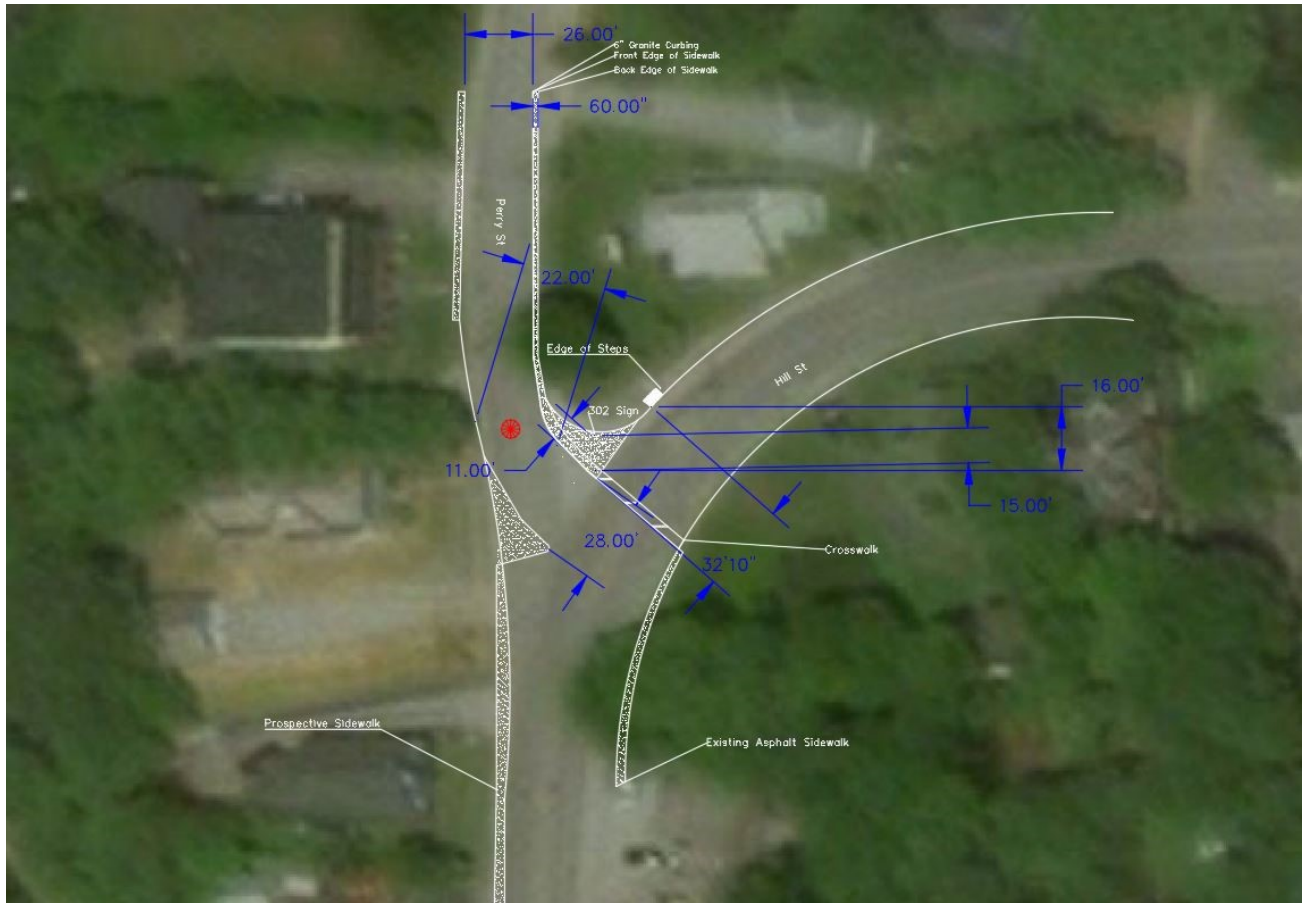
The intersection of Hill St and Perry St has been changed. **PERRY ST IS A STOP CONDITION** at Hill St.

The intersection of the two streets has been revised to ensure drivers on Perry St see and safely operate when entering Hill St.

This change addresses a lengthy history of property damage events because of the long intersection length with crossover (left turn) accidents and failure to yield. The City has added a crosswalk to allow pedestrian traffic from Perry St to cross and use the sidewalk on Hill St.

PAY ATTENTION

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Committee advisement or staff commitment		
August 18, 2021	Agenda	Minutes
Speed Table Candidates River St. /Beckley St. Traffic Calming (pop ups) Granite St. / Berlin St.	Proceed with installation No advisement	
July 21, 2021	Agenda	Minutes
Speed Bump Summer St Perry St. Traffic Concerns	No advisement No advisement	
June 16, 2021	Agenda	Minutes
Metro Way - Dangerous Intersection Intersection of Perry and Hill Streets* Intersection of Berlin Street and North Main Streets* Railroad crossing project*	Tabled Proceed with installation No advisement No advisement	
* Added to agenda during meeting		
May 26, 2021	Special meeting	Agenda Minutes
Reduce Camp St to 22' paved width from Tremont to the City line	Maintain 28' paved width with edge striping to preserve a narrow shoulder on the downhill side and a minimum 5' bike lane on the uphill side, wider as possible to provide space around storm drains. Bike lanes will be painted with bike symbols and partially filled with available green paint.	
May 19, 2021	Agenda	Cancelled
April 21, 2021	Agenda	Minutes not published
Richardson Rd Update Flashing Cross Sign, Tilden House & S. Main VTrans Project -Merchant St./Rt 14 Camp St Parking/Lane width	No record of meeting No record of meeting No record of meeting No record of meeting	
March 17, 2021	Agenda Minutes	
Richardson Rd dangerous left turn Flashing Cross Sign, Tilden House & S. Main	Ahearn will update committee about options at April meeting Ahearn will update committee about options at April meeting	
February 17, 2021	Agenda	Minutes not published
Church-Washington Academy intersection Richardson Rd dangerous left turn Tremont & Elm	No record of meeting No record of meeting No record of meeting	
January 20, 2021	Agenda	Cancelled
December 16, 2020	Joint meeting with Paths, Routes and Trails Committee	Agenda Minutes
Transportation within Barre Washington St between Church/Perry	Terway offered to help put together an inventory of assets Ahearn decided he will rework his suggestions and present changes	
November 18, 2020	Agenda	Minutes not published
Stop bar strategy Washington St. between Church & Perry St	No record of meeting No record of meeting	
October 28, 2020	Special meeting	Agenda Minutes
Speed bumps, humps & tables Metro Way -Dangerous intersection Tremont & Elm St. 4-way stop	Speed tables in 4 locations, speed hump on Church. Bulb outs for Washington Street should be on-site this week Ahearn will rearrange signs on posts to bring STOP to a more visible height Ahearn to bring proposal for Elm/Eastern intersection to January meeting	
October 21, 2020	Agenda Minutes	Cancelled
September 30, 2020	Agenda Minutes	
Circle St. Traffic/Pedestrian Issues Construction of sidewalk up Allen St Construction of sidewalk up Richardson Rd Traffic light at Richardson Rd. & Route 302	Advised Circle Street speed table Advised speed table and visual rhythm from roadside vegetation Advised no action Advised no action	

7.2) Proposed public input flow

Currently, our public hearings are not directed and seem to happen suddenly and reactively. A more formal process that provides transparency and accountability will benefit our community:

1. Gather observations and concerns
 - **Define the problem**
 - When staff or members of the public identify concerns, we should track them somewhere visible to the public
 - Over time we can group these concerns together to take action as appropriate
 - Staff should manage collection and publication
 - Committee ultimately sets timeline for when to address observations or concerns
2. Turn that into a proposal or set of proposals
 - **Describe possible solutions**
 - When a problem is scheduled to be addressed at a Committee meeting, Staff should provide one or more proposals for a solution
 - Proposals should clearly define the problem, based on Staff knowledge or public input, and document the solution to be understood by a layperson
 - Proposals should always include sufficient context: maps, photos, conceptual drawings, and always a link to a map location
 - Proposals must be available in time to be included in the meeting packet, which will be published
3. Review that in a public meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee
 - **Decide if a given solution will address the problem**
 - This is the part we're doing already! It'll just work better with the right preparation
 - Every advisement of the Committee must result from a passing motion

7.3) Current proposed meeting topics

More can be collected during the meeting, and Committee members will have the opportunity to rank topics before the next agendas are set.

- VTrans Project - Merchant St./Rt 14
- Update on timing for painting the lines on Camp St
- Update on Perry St/Hill St intersection
- Create a plan for speed limit education, how it is being approached, what the goals are
- Develop a plan for city-wide traffic calming
- Street standards and streets classification from Municipal Plan (Arterial, Connector, Local)
- Develop detailed plan for increased connectivity via sidewalks and crosswalks
- Review and adjust pipeline for future STIP
- Proposal for traffic calming on Hill St as a test case for other streets
- Review Planning Commission and City Council surveys
- Resident concerns on Lower Camp Street
- Resident concerns on West Patterson Street
- Presentation on transportation mix & planning for prosperity