

Meeting with VTrans 7-20-21

In attendance:

Richmond: Christine Werneke, David Sander, Josh Arneson, Pete Gosselin

VTrans: Rob White, Matthew Bogaczyk, Jessie Devlin

Construction and reconstruction of sidewalks and curbing:

- VTrans representatives stated sidewalks and curbing are outside of the project scope.
- We discussed that the Town has applied for a bicycle and pedestrian grant for sidewalk construction on East Main St. which is to mostly replace existing sidewalks.
- VTrans representatives also noted there is a grant that could provide up to \$150,000 for sidewalks, and this is funded 50% by the state and 50% by the Town.
- VTrans representatives stated that all existing ADA ramps will be upgraded to current standards.
- Mr. Gosselin noted that there is a need to replace the sidewalk on West Main St. as many concrete panels are severely cracked.

The Restriping of Parking and Crosswalks:

- VTrans representatives discussed how striping parking stalls could actually reduce the amount of parking available as each stall would have to be set back a certain distance from intersections with roads and driveways. Perhaps allowing parking use between the fog line and the sidewalk, as currently happens, actually allows for more cars to be parked in this area.

Six-foot shoulders for the entirety of the project scope:

- VTrans representatives stated they will provide five foot shoulders on both sides of the road with 11 foot travel lanes from the village to the park and ride. With the exception of two box culvert and bridge locations in front of Black Fork Towing and at a location just east of Black Fork Towing.
- Areas of the project not between the Village and the Park and Ride will have four foot shoulders.

The installation of left-turn signals at the Route 2-Bridge Street intersection:

- VTrans representative confirmed that there will be a left turn arrow provided for turns from Bridge St. to West Main St. They also confirmed that a left turn lane will not be required.
- VTrans representatives confirmed that the signal will meet current ADA standards for pedestrian crossing.

- VTrans representatives confirmed that the new traffic signal will have the capability of having a signal override added so first responders can override the signal. They noted that this needs to be a partnership between the Town and the state.
 - VTrans will pay to have the device installed on the signal arm and we understand that the Town and Richmond Rescue may be liable for the cost of the devices that would go in the vehicles.

Storm water Improvements under Route 2 within Richmond Village:

- VTrans representatives stated this is a paving project and it would take non-paving funds to address storm water. They also noted that working on the storm water system would involve permitting and potentially require work outside of the Right of Way (ROW).
- The Town communicated our intent is to address potential failure points of the stormwater system that will be accessible during the repaving project in order to prevent the occurrence of digging up new pavement and subsurface in the near future.
- Mr. Gosselin noted that the Town is only asking for storm drains to be replaced in the ROW. Mr. Gosselin also reviewed a summary of over \$300,000 in work that the Town has put into the municipal storm water system that connects to the Rt. 2 system.
- VTrans representatives noted there may be more money for storm water projects available in the near future.
- VTrans representatives stated they will look at pipes that are within five feet of the surface and replace poor or failing pipes. They noted this project cannot address any pipes that are more than five feet down.
 - Mr. Gosselin will follow up with VTrans to highlight the pipes that fit the above criteria.
 - VTrans also indicated they may be able to replace failing catch basins on East Main St.
- There was discussion about three paths forward from this point:
 - Stop the project and take more time to address storm water, specifically with updated engineering and funding source.
 - Move forward with the plan as is and create a plan to address storm water in the future.
 - Move forward with the plan and identify stormwater improvements that can be performed concurrently with the repaving project via separate funding sources or within the scope of current project (i.e. Pipes and structures within five feet of the surface).