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Public Input Needed to Make Walking & Biking Safer Along Routes 2/117

We all know it's dangerous to walk or bicycle between Richmond Village to the Exit 11 Park and Ride and Route 117 (River Road) but it doesn't need to stay that way. The Town of Richmond, along with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and consultant group DuBois and King, Inc. are collaborating to design a safe and comfortable walking and bicycling connection between the Village Center and Route 2 and Route 117.

The project is starting with meetings with area neighbors and a public survey to gather your ideas and priorities for helping make Richmond a better place for walking and biking in that area. Whether you live in or travel through that corridor and would like to see a safe path for pedestrians and bicyclists (and thereby make safer roads for motorists), your views are important! During the month of March, a public survey is available – you can complete the survey at this link - _____ -- or you can fill out a paper version at the Richmond Town Office or the Richmond Free Library. The link to the survey will also be posted on the Town of Richmond web site.

Please help us between March 1 and March 31st by completing the survey to shape the future of a new pathway that will make it safer to walk and bike between Riverview Commons, the Park and Ride and Richmond Village.

Alternatives for pedestrian and bike path options will be developed and presented in a meeting for public review and feedback in April and May. Those meetings will be announced soon.

If you want to learn more about the project and look for more opportunities to chime in, follow along on the project website: <https://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-meetings/richmond-western-gateway-scoping-study> - Note to consulting team – suggest adding an email address on that page for people to submit comments?