

Special Meeting of the Town of Richmond Selectboard
Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Vehicular Traffic in the Village
June 24, 2024

List of issues and potential solutions generated at the meeting on June 24, 2024

Vehicles and bicycles travel too fast down Jericho Rd. into Bridge St.

- Address signal light north of School St. on Jericho Rd.

Rt. 2 intersection is dangerous for pedestrians with too many moving vehicles from multiple directions, including the Cumberland Farms parking area. Cars are not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalk at traffic signal.

- Station police officer in the intersection on school mornings.
- Create an all vehicle stop to allow for time for only pedestrian traffic.
- Increase level of audio signal at intersection.
- Move left turn arrow for vehicles turning off of Bridge St. to beginning of green signal.

It is unclear where pedestrians are supposed to walk on Bridge St. next to Cumberland Farms. Parked cars and delivery trucks in this location obstruct pedestrians.

- Paint a crosswalk style walkway in this area
- Paint a brick pattern for this crosswalk style walkway
- Limit deliveries to Cumberland Farms to only before 7am

Bridge St. crosswalk at Jolina Ct. can be dangerous, especially at night.

Lack of a crosswalk across Bridge St. just south of Pleasant St. and Depot St.

Crosswalks in general are not visible enough.

- Add flexible delineator in middle of crosswalks.
- Add automated illumination when signal is activated.
- Better and more frequent painting for crosswalks.
- Paint crosswalks a color other than white.
- Paint crosswalks with reflective paint.
- Three dimensional painted crosswalks.
- Add texture to crosswalks to mimic cobblestone or brick.
- Add speed tables for each crosswalk on Bridge St with the exception of the traffic signal.
- Add rumble strips prior to crosswalks – but ensure these would not damage a vehicle or bicycle.

Pedestrians are not using crosswalks safely.

- Ask schools to teach these skills.

Long vehicles block illuminated cross walk on upper Bridge St.

- Limit length of vehicles that park on upper Bridge St.
- Add a bump out for the crosswalk.
- Make parking spaces next to crosswalk compact car only. Limit parking in this spot to 15 minutes.
- Increase height of flashing beacon on crosswalk so it can be seen over parked cars.

Painted sidewalk in front of market does not have barriers for traffic.

- Add flexible delineators to visually separate pedestrians from traffic.
- Use garden beds or other separator in place of flexible delineators.

Sidewalk on Bridge St. is narrowed by too many planters, tables, and chairs.

Lack of sidewalk on east side of Bridge St. creates a need for multiple crossings of Bridge St. for some pedestrian routes. Jolina Ct. will see more residential development in the next few years creating more pedestrian traffic on the east side of Bridge St.

- Create walking path between Town Center and Jolina Ct. routed behind cemetery.

Vehicle and bicycle speed is too fast on Bridge St. Bridge St. is used by many as a throughway to get where they are going. Speed tables on Cochran Rd. are diverting trucks to Bridge St. to avoid the speed tables.

- Add more speed limit signs on Bridge St.
- Add speed limit sign immediately south of Railroad St. Cars tend to speed up in this section as they have crossed the railroad track and there is no street parking in this area.
- Utilize police for speed enforcement.
- Add signage to creatively display a warning that speeding tickets will be issued.
- Use automated ticketing – not possible under the current Vermont statutes. Follow up with legislatures to ask to have this changed.
- Add radar speed feedback sign to Bridge St.

Not enough built infrastructure to control speed - paint and signs are not effective enough

- Add gardens, flags and other objects to utility poles

Lighting on sidewalk is too dim.

Lighting in Town Center parking lot is too dim.

- Trim back trees.
- Add bulbs.
- Add timer to lights to turn off when people are not using the Town Center.

Lack of stop lines with stop signs.

- Add stop lines to all stop signs.

Need to better understand who is walking on Bridge St. including age, time of day, group size etc. to inform the solutions.

No sense of arrival at the Village.

- Create a sense of arrival including expectation of slower vehicular traffic.

Bicycles are not yielding to pedestrians.

Funding.

- Utilize existing budget lines.
- Utilize unassigned funds.
- Utilize ARPA funds.