



Sunderland Safe Roads

Sunderland Select Board Meeting

November 4, 2013

Sunderland Safe Roads committee – who are we?

🍁 Marie Litowinsky, chair

🍁 Colleen & Scott York

🍁 Matthew Vernon

🍁 Scott Magrath



Sunderland Safe Roads committee – how did we come to be?

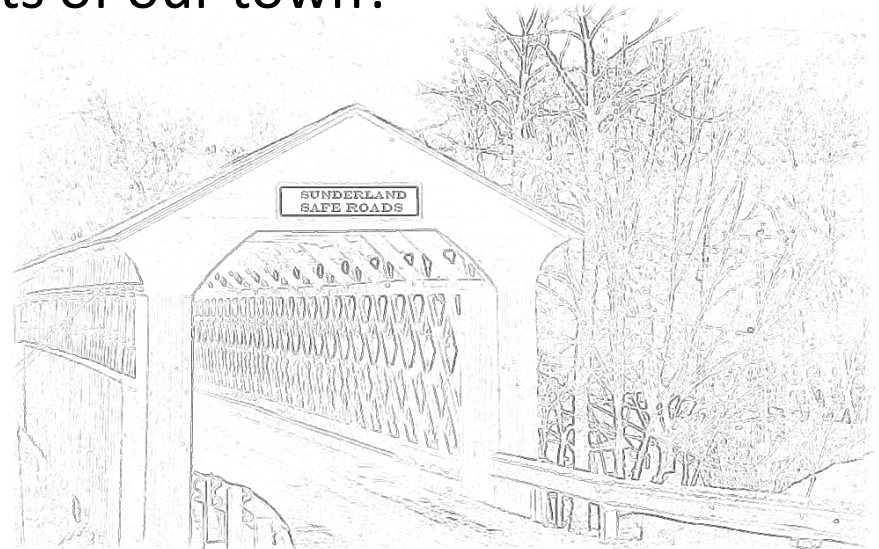
- 🍁 Purpose of the committee

- 🍁 Origination

 - 🍁 FPF request for volunteers

- 🍁 Our objectives

 - 🍁 What's in it for the residents of our town?



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Commission plans new paths to make Bennington more 'walkable'

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BENNINGTON -- Several plans are in the works to make Bennington County a safer place for pedestrians.

Bennington County Regional Commission employees and two AmeriCorps VISTA members have joined together in a "walkability campaign" which targets Bennington County as a whole, but focuses on four main projects that would yield enormous impact locally.

According to BCRC Regional Planner and Transportation Manager Mark Anders, the four projects include a walking path from the

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Equipped with a backpack and walking stick, a man who would only identify himself as Randy...

VT walkability initiative

- 🍁 In 1970, 60% of kids regularly walked to school
- 🍁 Today, only 13% of kids walk to school
- 🍁 Every \$1 spent on walking and biking in VT translates to \$3 saved on obesity-related medical expenses
- 🍁 How many Sunderland kids walk to school?



Logistics of safety improvements

- 🍁 Which Sunderland roads need walkability & safety improvements?
 - 🍁 Short-term plan?
 - 🍁 Long-term plan?
- 🍁 Where does the funding come from?



Funding

🍁 VTrans grant funding available for a feasibility study and/or for a design/construction project

🍁 2013:

🍁 Vermont Pedestrian and Bicycle Policy Plan

🍁 90/10

🍁 Transportation Alternatives Grant

🍁 80/20

🍁 Grant requirements

🍁 VTrans 2014?

🍁 Projections for further grants & initiatives



Feasibility study

🍁 The first step toward making improvements is to perform a feasibility study

- 🍁 Why do a feasibility study?

- 🍁 What does it include?

- 🍁 How long will it take?

- 🍁 How much will it cost?



Communication

🍁 How will we update the town's residents on Sunderland Safe Roads' progress?

🍁 Town website

🍁 SES website

🍁 Front Porch Forum

🍁 Town Walk & Talk event?

🍁 Spring 2014

🍁 We welcome your calls or emails if you have further questions

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Any questions?

THANK YOU