

Appendix



APPENDIX



Chili Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Minutes

Senior Workshop
03/18/14

Attendees: D. Craig, P. Holihan, M. Goodwin, J. Lochner, M. Colby, R. Pikuett

Others Present: J. Steinmetz, M. Ingalls, D. Lindsay, E. Murphy

Mr. Steinmetz welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their participation. Attendees introduced themselves and offered their reasons for participating. John Steinmetz thanked everyone for coming, introduced Matt Ingalls and David Lindsay, and provided an overview of the planning effort, as well as the intent of the workshop. Matt Ingalls and John Steinmetz facilitated a brainstorming discussion that included the identification of activity generators; existing travel routes and any barriers that presently exist that may impact the development of a more comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian circulation system within the Town. The results of which are listed below:

North Chili

- Activity Generators & Destinations Include
 - Roberts Wesleyan College
 - Senior communities
 - Neighborhoods
 - Hubbard Park
 - Churches
 - Community Center
- Potential Connections
 - Extend sidewalk on the north side of Buffalo Road to the Cottage Grove Senior Living Community
 - Explore the feasibility of creating a formal pedestrian connection between Springbrook Drive and Freedom Pond Lane. This would provide the residents of College Green with more convenient access to the goods and services available around the intersection of Buffalo Road and Union Street.

West Chili

- Activity Generators & Destinations Include
 - Black Creek Park
 - Union Station Park
 - Chili Nature Trail
 - Parkland of Chili Senior Living Community
 - Neighborhoods
- Potential Connections
 - Install sidewalks along Union Street starting at Fulham Place and extending north to Chili Avenue.
- Other Considerations
 - The Union Street Bridge over Black Creek has recently been widened. This make for crossing the bridge on foot or by bike more comfortable.
 - The wide shoulder opposite Fulham Place was intended to allow a southbound vehicle the ability to get around a vehicle travelling southbound and making a left turn into Fulham Place. When this occurs, it creates an uncomfortable situation for bicyclists and pedestrians that use the west side of Union Street in this area.

Chili Center

- Activity Generators & Destinations Include
 - Shopping Plazas
 - Memorial Park
 - Davis Park
 - Library
 - Town Hall
 - Senior Center
 - Church
 - Neighborhoods
 - Apartment Complexes
 - Senior Communities
 - Schools
- Potential Connections
 - There is an existing drainage way on the north side of Chili Avenue (near its intersection with the rail line). This drainage way could be used as a pedestrian connection Shrubbery Lane and the rest of the neighborhood.
 - The crossing from the north side of Chili Avenue to the south side at Old Scottsville Chili Road is a popular route to get to Memorial Park. However, it is hard to cross here.
 - A connection from Memorial Park to the rear of the Wegmans plaza is desirable.
 - There is an existing “cowpath” from Paul Road to the northwest corner of the Chili-Paul Plaza. This could be formalized as a permanent connection.
 - Getting into Chili-Paul Plaza from Chili Avenue on foot or by bike is difficult. A more formalized network is desirable. Could be as easy as striping.
 - Provide a more direct connection from the Pumpkin Hill Neighborhood to the adjacent plaza. Neighborhood residents have the desire to walk to Wegmans.
- Other Considerations
 - Pedestrian and bicycle traffic has increased over the years.
 - Turning movements along Chili Avenue are a problem.
 - Intersections are not pedestrian friendly.
 - Safety issues in front of McDonalds.
 - Can't get into the Wegmans site on foot.
 - Need walking paths that are destinations.
 - It is difficult to cross on foot or by bike at the main intersection of the Wegmans Plaza. This intersection is south of the Chili Avenue entrance, at the beginning of the parking lots to the east and west.

Townwide

- Other Considerations
 - There seems to be an accident/safety concern at the curve in Chili Scottsville Road, at Morgan Road. Sight distance is limited, creating a “blind turn.” NYSDOT is looking into the issues.
 - Condition of shoulder along Beaver Road is poor. Makes walking and biking difficult.
 - Installing a bridge over the rail line on Paul Road, east of Union Street would improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.
 - A speed limit reduction north of Black Creek on Chili Scottsville Road might be helpful for slowing traffic.

- The bridge over Black Creek on Chili Scottsville Road is narrow and uncomfortable to cross on foot or bike. (The width also makes it hard to plow.) Potholes are common and make riding a bike over the bridge difficult. One of the property owners adjacent to the bridge (on the south side) was in attendance and he would be willing to donate any land needed to widen the bridge and accommodate a walkway. He is optimistic that the property owner on the north side would be willing to donate the land needed on the north side of the Creek.

Following the brainstorming session, John Steinmetz reviewed the timing and sequencing of the planning process. The workshop was concluded and the attendees were welcomed to stay and share any other thoughts they may have with the project team or Town staff.

Attendees: Primarily 9th and 10th Grade students in two periods of Mr. Paul Glor's Health Class

Others Present: C. Schwab, J. Steinmetz, and M. Ingalls

Mr. Steinmetz introduced Matt Ingalls, Colleen Schwab, and thanked Mr. Glor for the use of his classroom and class time to get input from the students. John Steinmetz provided an overview of the planning effort, as well as the intent of the workshop with the students. Matt Ingalls, Colleen Schwab, and John Steinmetz facilitated a brainstorming discussion that included the identification of popular destinations and activity generators and existing travel routes by the students, as well as any barriers that presently exist that may impact the development of a more comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian circulation system within the Town. Students were able to view and discuss their travel patterns and experiences on maps that depicted the Town as a whole and the focus areas of North Chili, West Chili, and Chili Center. The results of the brainstorming session are listed below:

North Chili

- Activity Generators & Destinations Include
 - Commercial: Tim Horton's, Jitters, North Chili Family Restaurant, China King, Hess Station, Car Wash, Five Star Bank, Family Video, Subway, Walgreens
 - Roberts Wesleyan College – Facilities are open to the community
 - Chili Fire Company #2
 - Hubbard Park
 - Churchville Chili School Campus (Not located in North Chili)

- Potential Connections
 - Students typically walk from school campus down Buffalo Road to North Chili
 - Students also use Westside Drive from school because it is more comfortable and not as busy, but takes longer to get west of Union Street
 - Cross County Trail from Roberts Wesleyan – crosses Westside Drive (between Miller Drive and Nelson Morton Drive) and extends north to the woods. Cross-country team meets at Roberts Wesleyan on Saturdays to run on the trail
 - Connection from Hilltop Drive to Buffalo Road (behind homes along Ramblewood Drive)
 - Utilizing Orchard Street and college campus as cut-through from the northeast quadrant
 - Some common bike routes include
 - Buffalo Road to and from Jitters
 - From southwest neighborhoods – Attridge Road to and from the Fire House
 - From southeast neighborhoods –Christina Drive to Union Street and cross at Four-corners

- Other Considerations
 - Some students travel by skateboarding as well as biking and walking
 - No sidewalks, but shoulders are okay on Buffalo Road. Students will walk on shoulder of road until sidewalk begins
 - No bike racks available in North Chili
 - Buffalo Road and Union Street are busy roadways; too much traffic to bike comfortably
 - 55 MPH speed limit begins on Buffalo Road at about Hubbard Road
 - Cross to the south side of Buffalo Road wherever there is a gap in traffic - not typically at the four corners

- Cross Buffalo Road between Hubbard Drive and Ramblewood Drive instead of at Four-corners
- Too busy to bike through the Union Street/Westside Drive and Union Street/Buffalo Road intersections
- Four-corners at Union Street/Buffalo Road is a problem to cross; takes a long time
- Limited crossings, especially at four-corners
- People will cross Union Street before Four-corners because it's easier (by Hubbard Park or the Fire Department)
- Two students on bikes hit near Four-corners within last few years
- Will bike on the sidewalk rather than on the road around the Four-corners
- Student bumped by car while crossing at Union Square Boulevard and Union Street
- Walk on road through Parkway (west of Union Street)

West Chili

- Activity Generators & Destinations Include
 - Commercial: Byrne Dairy, Chili Hots
 - Black Creek Park
 - Sledding hill near Chestnut Ridge Elementary School

- Potential Connections
 - Connection to Riga – Riga-Chili Road, Lower speed limit
 - Union Street needs sidewalks – as means to get to Byrne Dairy safely
 - Students don't cross Chili Avenue at Union Street intersection, instead cross east of Union Street (Cordello's Pizza, etc.)
 - Need sidewalks on Chili Avenue (both east/west of Union St, north side where neighborhoods are)
 - Sidewalk ends in neighborhood south of Union Station Park and east of Union Street (at Rio Grande Drive and Bolton Trail)
 - Cross Union Street south of Fulham Place for Black Creek Park – less traffic

- Other Considerations
 - Sidewalks are most important; not enough sidewalks
 - Union Street (south of Four-corners) is not too busy
 - Cross-over 490 Bridge from the north is very busy and there are no sidewalks on Union Street
 - Limited crosswalks at intersections
 - No sidewalks around Buckbee Rural Cemetery area (490 to Chili Avenue)
 - Could use barrier for sledding hill by Chestnut Ridge Elementary so kids don't go into the road

Chili Center

- Activity Generators & Destinations Include
 - Commercial: Chili Paul Plaza, Wegmans, Target, McDonald's, etc
 - Chili Fest
 - Davis Park
 - Memorial Park
 - Paul Road Elementary

- Potential Connections
 - Bucky Drive is a big cut-through – Close to McDonald’s and avoids Chili Avenue as much as possible
 - Use Shrubbery Lane to Bucky Drive as connection
 - Need a crosswalk across Paul Road at Bucky Drive to provide access to Davis Park
 - Currently crossing Chili Avenue by Good Guys Pizza and McDonald’s (no drivers ever stop for pedestrians)
 - Enter Chili-Paul Plaza via northern connections along Paul Road, but Paul Road is very difficult to cross because of traffic
 - Crossing is difficult across Chili Avenue into Memorial Park (across from Chili-Paul Plaza); even with in-road sign in summer

- Other Considerations
 - Traffic and lack of sidewalks are the biggest issues
 - See lots of bikes in the area
 - Paul Road is bad? Narrow shoulders, students avoid it – It needs sidewalks and wider shoulders
 - Chestnut Ridge needs sidewalks
 - Cross Chili Avenue wherever you can, cars don’t stop for crosswalks
 - People don’t stop for Old Scottsville Chili Road to Memorial Park (north of train tracks)
 - Traffic is a big issue at Chili Avenue and Chili Center Coldwater Road (Rt. 386)
 - Slope/drainage issues (Paul Road and Stover Road)
 - Difficult to cross Chili Avenue to neighborhoods east of Chili Center Coldwater Road
 - Speed of cut-through traffic in neighborhoods north of Paul Road and south of Chestnut Ridge (NW corner of Chili Center)

Townwide

- Other Considerations
 - Heavy traffic
 - Lack of sidewalks and crossing connections
 - Difficulty crossing busy intersections
 - Car traffic not yielding to pedestrians/bikers at crosswalks
 - Difficulty biking along busy roadways (Buffalo Road, Chili Avenue, Paul Road, etc.)
 - Often taking alternate routes and crossing at points that present less traffic conflicts

Following the brainstorming session, John Steinmetz reviewed the timing and sequencing of the planning process. The workshop was concluded and the students were thanked for their time, participation, and valuable input for the study.

Attendees: Primarily 11th and 12th grade students in Joan Stevens' Local Government Class.

Others Present: J. Steinmetz, and M. Gaudioso

Ms. Stevens introduced John Steinmetz to the students. Mr. Steinmetz introduced Molly Gaudioso and thanked Ms. Stevens for the use of her classroom and class time to get input from the students. John provided an overview of the planning effort, as well as the intent of the workshop with the students. John and Molly facilitated a brainstorming discussion with that students that were familiar with Chili, which included the identification of popular destinations and activity generators and existing travel routes, as well as any barriers that presently exist that may impact the development of a more comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian circulation system within the Town. Students were able to view and discuss their travel patterns and experiences on maps that depicted the Town as a whole and the focus areas of North Chili, West Chili, and Chili Center. The results of the brainstorming session are listed below:

North Chili

- Destinations and Activity Generators
 - Roberts Wesleyan – To skateboard, play basketball
 - Town Plaza

- Connections and Considerations
 - Union Street has a lot of vehicular traffic
 - One student said they use the crosswalk at Buffalo Road and Union Street
 - Most find Union Street/Buffalo Road intersection too busy to cross at intersection, especially north-south connection
 - Cross Buffalo Road wherever you can find a gap in cars
 - Crossing Buffalo Road east of Union, at Orchard Street
 - Skateboarding from southeast neighborhoods to Buffalo Road – good conditions until Buffalo Road

West Chili

- No comments

Chili Center

- Destinations and Activity Generators
 - Commercial: Nail salon, Chili-Paul Plaza, Sprinkles, Cold Stone, K-Mart
 - Memorial Park
 - Paul Road Elementary School
 - Pop Warner Football Games

- Connections and Considerations
 - Paul Road is busy, but cars are going slower speeds
 - Chili Avenue is too busy – uncomfortable because of the speed and volume of car traffic
 - Cutting through backyards from Shrubbery to get to Chili Avenue and Paul Road
 - Kids crossing Old Scottsville Chili Road to get to McDonalds from Memorial Park
 - Kids crossing Chili Avenue at Memorial Park Drive to get to Chili-Paul Plaza from the Park

- Bike along Buffalo Road from Gates to K-mart – narrow shoulders
- Bike from neighborhoods west of K-Mart to Paul Road Elementary – avoiding Chili Avenue and Paul Road by taking indirect route along Beaver Road and Archer Road

Other Comments

- Nearby Destinations
 - Westgate Park
 - Churchville Park
 - Westgate Plaza

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The following is a list of public comments obtained during the Community Workshop held on May 27, 2014, at the Town of Chili Department of Public Works building. There were four tables for each of the focus areas and a table showing video of John Steinmetz's bike ride through Chili. Below, the comments are arranged by focus area.

North Chili

- Street sweeping on a regular basis is appreciated, since cyclists do not want to ride on broken glass
- Union Street North of Buffalo Road – Tight shoulder(s) with traffic, could be more comfortable
As a result, one resident will take David Drive to Keith Terrace and cut-thru to Cottage Grove and enter the Plaza from the rear
- Long range planning to allow for possibility of bike trails even apart from roads
- Is there a potential to connect neighborhoods with trails?

West Chili

- Black Creek Park – A sidewalk/bike lane from the intersection of Chili Avenue and Union Street to Black Creek Park and Everton Run is desirable
- Cars travel too fast along Chili Avenue making uncomfortable for walking/riding to four corners
- Residents of Cassandra Circle and Jamie Lynn Drive cut-thru to Rochelle Drive to get to the four corners
- An off road trail to Rochester Institute of Technology would be ideal
- Biking on Union Street between Chili Avenue and Buffalo Road is a bit rough. Poor biker accommodations, excessive motorist speed, and often dirty, stony, "cindery," road shoulders

Chili Center

- Paul Road Elementary – Need sidewalks from Paul Road School to Plazas, accidents along Paul Road
- Chili Avenue
 - Develop sidewalks and bike lanes from Wal-Mart to Chili Center (if there is not enough room for both, at least sidewalks)
 - Sidewalk/bike lanes from Library, west to Union Street or even beyond to Whispering Winds neighborhood
- Wegmans – How do bikers get into Wegmans plaza? Vehicles turning right into plaza makes biking dangerous past Plaza
- Chili Avenue & Paul Road – Protected left from Coldwater Road onto Chili Avenue, I've seen a lot of vehicular accidents
- Barn Swallow Lane & Janice Drive – Potential neighborhood connection
- Red Bud Circle & Toni Terrace – Potential neighborhood connection
- Hitree Lane & Old Ivy Circle – Potential neighborhood connection
- Ascot Drive, Cutter Drive & Bishopgate Drive – Potential neighborhood connection
- Wethersfield Road, Stover Road & Pumpkin Hill – Potential neighborhood connection
- Chili Avenue, Paul Road & Wegmans entrance – Provisions for cyclists turning left out of Wegmans or from Paul Road west on Chili Avenue (from near Walgreens) could be better
- Davis Park – Sidewalk from Chili Center to Davis Park along Paul Road would be great
- Overall, can we connect more neighborhoods?
- I drive my bike into the City to ride since they have better facilities

- Chestnut Ridge is great for cycling
- Make walking to commercial areas in Chili Center from the northwest more comfortable
- Would love to have trails for commuting, not just for recreation as an alternative to on road facilities
- Enforce speed limits to curb aggressive driving

Town Wide

- Chestnut Ridge – The north side of Paul Road is great for walking, the south side of Paul Road is not comfortable
- Wegmans Plaza – Dangerous at Paul Road
- Route 383 – Improve pedestrian and bike crossing to Genesee Riverway Trail across 383 (currently there is a sign there)
- Route 252A – Allow crossing of greenway and connect to Route 252A, then focus on Route 383 connection improvements
- Fenton Road & Chestnut Drive – Potential for neighborhood connection
- Benedict Drive, Marshall Road & White Oak Bend – Potential for neighborhood connection
- Sunderland Trail & Watchman Court – Potential for neighborhood connection
- Paul Road & Route 252A – Bikes turning left onto Paul Road from 252A
- Route 252A and 383 – Widen shoulders on 252A as you approach 383
- Archer Road & CSX Tracks – Build bike path adjacent to CSX right-of-way from Archer Road to Union Street
- Route 383 – Fix/clean shoulders on 383, especially if we can't complete the greenway
- Beaver Road/Jefferson Road – Some shoulders should be widened for bikes, biking to RIT, Jefferson
- Marshall Road to Route 252 – Create trail from Marshall Road to Jefferson
- Davis Park – More Entrances to and from Davis Park, at northeast (easy) and even at southeast (more difficult, but not impossible), an easement could be arranged with tax break
- Chestnut Ridge Elementary – Negotiating crossing Chili Avenue at Chestnut Ridge Road or Stottle Road is difficult, Stottle Road particularly dangerous because of curve on Chili Avenue
- Chili Avenue and CSX tracks – Railroad tracks intersect with roadway at an angle, requires bicyclists to move into road to cross at a right angle, create sign to inform bicyclists and motorists
- Paul Road by Airport – We commute on Paul Road often. Generally a wide shoulder and not bad, but cars frequently exceed speed limit. Enforcement needed. Also, a short cut for bikes/pedestrians would be nice across tip of airport property and/or behind EcoPark.
- Sidewalks and bike lanes or wider shoulders on Chili Avenue
- Can we get easements to connect neighborhoods that back up to each other?
- Develop the Black Creek Trail, in small segments if necessary as land becomes available
- Connect Chili to other Monroe County Trails, especially the Genesee Riverway Trail
- I wish there was an alternate route coming out of the City rather than Chili Avenue, which is busy and dirty
- Sweep shoulders more often on major routes (Paul Road, Chili Avenue, etc)
- Create more bicycle and pedestrian access points in to Davis Park to allow through passage

Comments Received Via Email & Facebook Following the Workshop

- I wish the Town could—instead of blocking off paths with a chain fastened between two posts—use structures more like what is used on entrances to the Genesee valley greenway trail, which block off car traffic while allowing a narrower opening for a bike to pass through. The other arrangement is inconvenient for bikers, and unsightly, since paths become worn on grass to either side of the posts and chain. As an FYI, I believe BOCES made the greenway Trail structures in a welding shop. You can see one at the entrance to the trail on Beaver Road, or at the entrance on Scottsville Road across from Paul Road.
- We will not be able to attend the meeting, but can you please let them know that we are really in need of a bicycling /walking path from:
 - The Union Station/ Park Place community to the Union Station park along Union Street. It is not safe to walk our kids on Union street to the park.
 - From Union Street to Chestnut Ridge Elementary along Chili Ave. It would be great to walk or bike our kids to school during the Spring and Fall.
 - From Union Street and Chili Ave to the Chili Library along Chili Ave.
 - From Union Chili Ave and Union St. to the Town of North Chili along Union St. (We could bike into the town and I see lots of people running this unsafe path.)
- We are unable to attend this open house, but do have some input we'd like to share. Our family lives in the Union Station neighborhood and we love to walk or bike over to Union Station Park with our toddler son on a weekly basis. Although the stretch of road from Union Station Rd to Rock Island Road is short, the speed of vehicles and the fear of distracted drivers, makes us leary of walking. Having a wider shoulder or raised sidewalk in that area would make us, and many of the other families who live there, feel much safer traveling to that park.
- I would love a system for bikes/pedestrians down Paul Road. This would facilitate safe walking/biking to elementary school and to Wegman's and other Chili Center establishments.
- It would be great to be able to walk down Paul Rd to the park without fear of being hit by a car. They should in force the speed limit there as well.
- Large bikes lanes are a must for FAMILIES !!!
- Safe paths up and down Union St, Paul Road and Chili Ave for cyclists and walkers. I avoid these areas when walking and cycling due to high traffic and poor space to ride.
- I would ride to black creek for sure! Also, my kids go to St. Pius, and I am afraid to let them bike along chili ave so we always walk. Or take the car.
- Definitely need of sidewalks on Chili Ave and Union St! The road is so busy.... Would love to bike or walk with my kids to the library and into Chili Center.