

Parking & Pedestrian / Bicycle Safety



- **Master Plan excerpts:**

- In order to promote walking and bicycling as a viable alternative to automobile use, Westford must provide a safe and conducive environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. Several comments received from participants during the comprehensive plan process indicate that sidewalk construction, especially around schools, is a priority for the town. To that end, Westford should implement the following recommendations:
 - ◆ Form a permanent sidewalk committee under the joint direction of the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. The committee would be charged to develop and implement an updated sidewalk plan. To that end it would need to establish priority, recommend a funding mechanism (which could include a developer mitigation fund or capital outlay), obtain easements, and work with staff, residents, businesses and other boards as necessary to implement the plan.
 - ◆ Prioritize sidewalk construction based on a set of criteria that reflect the importance of an area to the overall town's pedestrian network. For example, the criteria should include providing sidewalks on roads leading to schools and areas of high pedestrian activity, such as in the commercial areas along Route 110, and filling in gaps in existing sidewalks. In addition, improvement to existing sidewalks within the villages and new ones connecting the villages to adjacent neighborhoods should be considered.

- **Policy Challenge**

- Provide Parking and Safe Pedestrian / Bicycle Access for all Westford Residents with limited resources.

- **What could be done?**

- Ideas under consideration
- Pedestrian Safety Committee
- Town Center Crosswalk
- BFRT Design Task

- **How to do it? Key Policy Questions**

- Define discussion questions, challenges to implementation etc
- Real Estate – Existing and Procured
- Additional Funding

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