



MINUTES 1/09/2023 4:00-5:30pm

Present: Jennie Chamberlain (chair), Joanna Whitcomb, Scott Drysdale, Nicolás Macri, Hugh Mellert, Patrick Luckow, Lara Acker, Bill Young, Michael McGillen,

Guests: Tim Boyle, Irinia Perreard, one more guest whose name we didn't get

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HBW ZOOM: <https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/93751554984?pwd=cERYeEJDUHhWU0dIUThhT3Nnb0ErUT09>

1. In the news: [Deaths \(131\) keep rising along N.H. roads, both in and out of vehicles \(14\)](#), 3 more 2022 pedestrian fatalities since that article was written on New Years Eve Day: [Rochester pedestrian](#), [Stratham pedestrian](#), [Gotham pedestrian](#) (2 min)
2. **INTROS:** Tim Boyle (Principal Richmond Middle School, Irina Perreard (parent)
3. **RECAP:** Zoning reform and the impact of **smart growth principles on walking and biking**
Parking Mandates & The Macri Report on Parking Mandates funding
 1. Report drafted by HBW member and Town Staff.
 2. Objective is improved parking mandates to permit a more walkable community with more central housing (*graphics on 2nd page help to explain the importance of compact development patterns on promoting walking, biking and creating a more livable and sustainable community)
 3. Staff supports it and will likely add it to agenda for vote with their approval.
4. **ORGANIZATIONAL:** Dec Minutes Approved.
5. **CURRENT** [60 min]
 - new Hanover Bike Walk members
 - **Speed Limit by RMS** - Tim Boyle-Principal Richmond Middle School
 - Rationale for calming traffic between the round about and passing RMS was explained.
 - Speed signs change and there is not enough time for drivers to slow down for school zone, and there are some drivers that seem unaware there is a school zone, particularly when flashers are off, but there is still a lot of activity at and near the school, including nighttime dances
 - There is a lot of pedestrian activity, not just from middle schoolers, but from CRREL, as well as seniors and other residents. Principal Boyle helps people other than students cross the street.
 - 20 MPH when flashers are going (around regular school start and stop times)

- Flasher timing not ideal for Ray and RMS
- Recommendation- HBW and Select Board Member will encourage Safety Committee to change the following:
 - Between the two roundabouts which includes the RMS area
 - 1. Lower the speed limit from 30mph to 25 mph all the time, 24/7
 - 2. Extend School Zone 20 mph Flasher time
 - Morning (M, Tu, Wed, Th, Fri) - 7:30 to 8:15
 - Afternoon (M, Tu, Th, Fri) - 2:45 to 3:30
 - Afternoon (Wed) - 1:45 to 2:30
- Increase enforcement within the school zone

- **Walk Bike Safety on S. Main** (- Irina Perreard

- Discussion of Cross Walk at Brook including an incident involving Irina Perreard's 10 yr old son who was clipped while crossing S. Main by a truck that was stopped on S. Main and then turned left into Brook
- Her letters to the NHDOT may have contributed to them approving Hanover's improvements. Dunster Street Route 10 South Cross Walk discussion.
- HBW has recommended a painted crosswalk and pedestrian activated flashers at Dunster/ Wyeth to the newly formed Safety Committee.
- Park/Lyme intersection (5 min) - Dave Anderson
 - David presented rough ideas of what designing an inclusive intersection could look like, including bike boxes and one bike lane painted across the intersection, as well as the shared use path extended up to and across the intersection. Patrick O'Hearn from Dartmouth indicated he thought this was a good idea, and a great intersection to pilot these improvements.
 - Discussion of many options. See December minutes.

- **HBW Vision, Mission, Goals** (- Jennie/Patrick/Scot

- Carolyn Radisch-GPI Consultant made recommendations to restructure vision/goals/objectives
- Create a visionary vision, a small number of Goals with objectives under the Goals
 - Goal 1 Develop a safe network
 - Goal 2. Mode shift to fewer vehicles and more walkers and bikers.
 - Goal 3. Follow Best Practices

Action Plan

Patrick Luckow volunteered to work on revisions
 Document will be circulated to HBW for vote of approval
 Chair will submit this to the Selectboard per Joanna's recommendation

- **Hanover sidewalk clearance and NH winter maintenance** - Nicolás Macri

- Recommended that town policies of sidewalks and bike lanes follow best practices like roadways, and include sidewalks and bike lanes in Hanover's Winter Maintenance Plan.

Discussion: Hanover already does an excellent job. Clarifying this in policies will be useful. Collaboration with Dartmouth building and grounds was encouraged.

- **Arm band distribution** - Bill Young
- 400 Reflective Arm bands with velcro fasteners have arrived.
- Education and Encouragement Team will consider how best to utilize them.

6. UPDATES [10 min]

- **Walk Bike Plan** -
- Hop pedestrian detours, crossing closures, transit hub mov
- Public input and HBW assessment is that the current set up is not ideal
- Background- Major construction for the Hopkins Center on the south side of Wheelock led to closing the Transportation Hub, Bus Drop Off Pick Up, side walk in front of Hopkins Ctr,,
- Midblock pedestrian island crossing and angled crossing from Dartmouth Green to Hopkins Ctr, at College Street. Preference is shown to vehicles and not pedestrians in the current plan.
- Public input and HBW member observations have led to the following recommendations.
- Recommendations
- Letter to DPW asking them to consider the following
- Reopen the mid block crossing with the flashing beacon and pedestrian island.
- Seek a better solution to the Wheelock-College corner crossings.
- Sustainability Master Plan - **mtg 1/10 5-7pm**
- HBW request for HPD crash reports to update crash map with 2021, 2022, and missing incidents

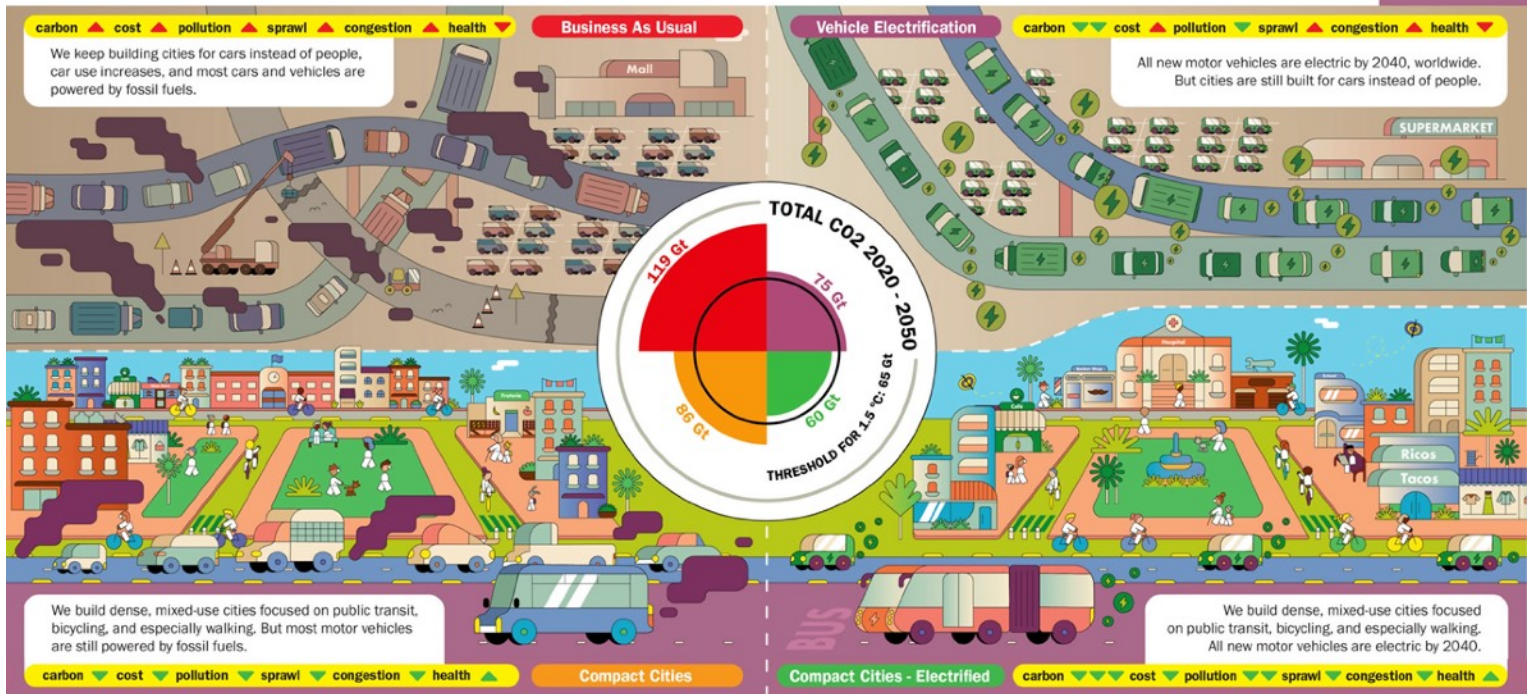
7. FUTURE

- Metrics (Network Scoring, GHG emissions reductions by project, Engagement, Equity, Walk Bike Data)
- Shared Streets 4 All - street by street, intersections, connections to other towns
- Neighborhood Walk 'N Rolls
- Safe Routes to DHMC, CHAD
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- Next Meeting Monday February 7

The Compact City Scenario Electrified

The Only Way to 1.5°C

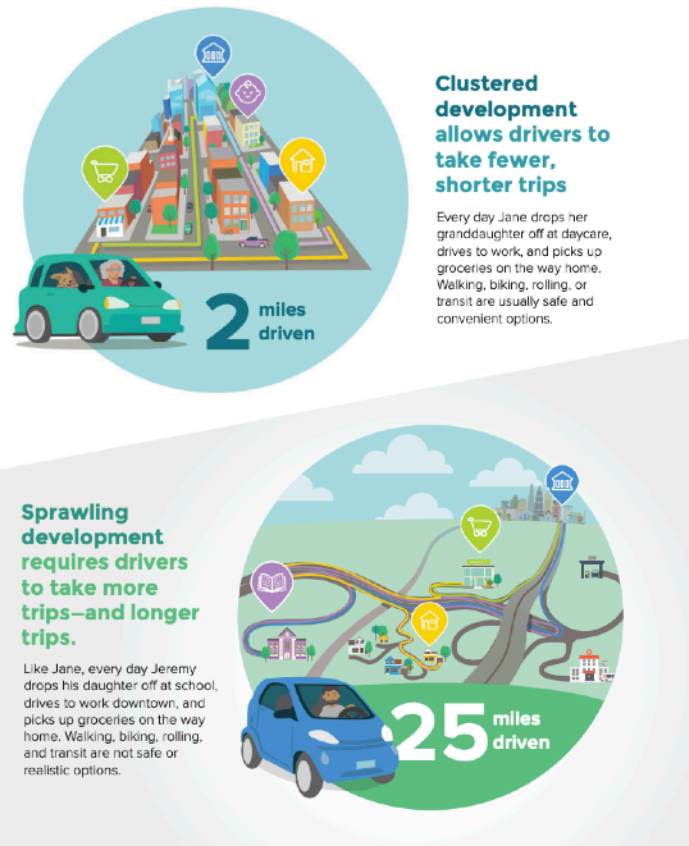
As we recover from COVID-19, we must choose how our cities will grow. Recent research studied four possible scenarios for the future. Only one scenario is consistent with limiting global warming to less than 1.5°C and avoiding the worst effects of climate change.



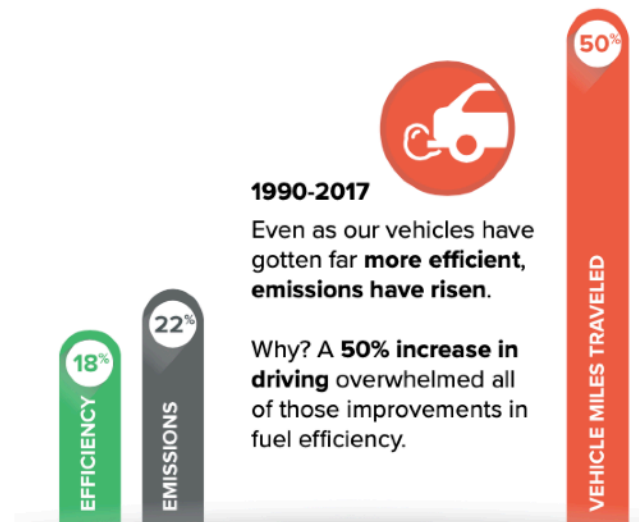
Read the report, *The Compact City Scenario - Electrified*, by ITDP and UC Davis, at: www.itdp.org/publication/the-compact-city-scenario-electrified/



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“Sprawling, car-oriented development is leading to more driving. Clustered development allows drivers to take fewer, shorter trips. Sprawling development requires drivers to take more trips—and longer trips.”



Smart Growth American, *Transportation for America*, “Driving Down Emissions”

- <https://t4america.org/maps-tools/driving-down-emissions/>