

The Bigger Picture

HRM is working to create more opportunities for mobility that encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyles for people of all ages and with a variety of physical abilities (All Ages and Abilities – ‘AAA’). Installing active transportation infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks, bikeways, multi-use pathway, crosswalks, etc.) has the potential to significantly increase non-auto modes of transportation (i.e. reduce trips made by vehicle). HRM’s Active Transportation Priorities Plan aims to double all trips made on foot and by bicycle by 2026. In order to achieve this goal, HRM must provide a connected network that provides direct and convenient access to important destinations. HRM’s Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) identifies the need to establish a core bikeway network in the regional centre of Dartmouth, which includes implementing a local street bikeway to connect Dartmouth Common to the Shubenacadie Canal Greenway system. Making it easy, convenient and safe for residents to choose walking or cycling will be the key to success.



The Project

WSP (engineering consultants) are currently working with HRM to develop a plan to close the gaps in the sidewalk network, improve walkability and provide bicycle infrastructure that connects Dartmouth’s communities and key destinations. The project involves the following elements:

- 1. Installing a cycling route on either Dahlia Street or Tulip Street.**
Purpose: Create a link in the ‘AAA’ cycling network, Great Trail and the Blue Route while promoting cycling trips around the Municipality.
- 2. Evaluating the feasibility of installing a sidewalk on Oak Street and/or Crichton Avenue.**
Purpose: Close the gaps in the sidewalk network where there is anticipated high demand for pedestrian facilities.
- 3. Intersection Improvements for Crichton Avenue with both Oak and Dahlia Streets.**
Purpose: Establish a safe crossing into Sullivan’s Pond for people walking, wheeling and cycling while reducing the crossing distance, improving sightlines and speed management.
- 4. Evaluating the need for a crosswalk on Victoria Road.**
Purpose: Review the potential to provide a formal and safe crosswalk into the Dartmouth Common from either Tulip Street or Dahlia Street (based on preferred cycling route to be determined).
- 5. Connect proposed facility to the existing Shubenacadie Canal Greenway.**
Purpose: Close the gap in active transportation infrastructure to complete a connected/cohesive network and review the capacity and comfort of a connection through Sullivan’s Pond Park to the Shubie Canal Greenway.

Project Next Steps

1. Select preferred bikeway route and crossing locations
2. Prepare concept design options for the preferred bikeway
3. Public Open House & Pop-Up Engagement (Round 2) - Planned for Fall 2020

DAHLIA-OAK-CRICHTON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS

