

Town of Freeport Active Living Advisory Committee

Council Workshop – 3.23.2021

ALC Duties and Responsibilities (Section 616): Work collaboratively with the Town Planner, Town Engineer, Traffic and Parking Committee, and other boards, committees and staff to “serve as a resource to the Town of Freeport citizens for initiatives outlined in the Town of Freeport Active Living Plan.” The Active Living Plan (ALP) was created in 2014 by the Active Living Task Force to “offer recommendations for advancing active living opportunities in Freeport for generations to come.” The ALP includes **86** detailed recommendations across **8** Activity Centers and utilizes the League of American Bicyclists “6E’s” methodology to evaluate bicycle and pedestrian friendly communities: Engineering/Planning, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Equity, Evaluation.

Committee Members: Andy Spaulding, Jake Daniele, Todd Coffin, David Bennell, Liz MacDonald, Anne McCormack, Brad Williams

Activities and Accomplishments (2016-2021)

- **Connect Freeport** – Formalized concept of a town wide connectivity map to identify optimal treatments for active transportation.
- **Mallett Dr.** – Build a Bridge Charrette; Safe Routes to School, replacement bridge design, future state of corridor
- **Desert Rd.** – replacement bridge design
- **Cousins River Bridge** replacement: Worked with Yarmouth peers and MDOT bridge steering committee to convince MDOT to build a 10’ fully separated path on the new bridge. Advised Town Engineer on design of the approach path from new bridge to Y.
- **PACTS Complete Streets plan:** Provided design input on Rte. 1 South which informed the Town Engineer on bike and pedestrian friendly striping and other accommodations
- Increased shoulder width on **South Freeport Rd.**
- **Open Space Guide** - Town of Freeport website
- **Sidewalks:** Advocacy and advisement on sidewalks for Elm St., Snow Rd., Justin’s Way, Rte. 1
- Mallett Dr. community charette
- **East Coast Greenway** liaison, including exploring alternative routes into downtown
- Represent Town of Freeport on **PACTS Active Transportation Committee**

2021 Priorities

- **Sunset:** Active Living Comm. will officially sunset on June 30th, 2021. Actions include:
 - Full transition of information to CSC and Town Engineer
 - Full report of Active Living Plan implementation status for CSC
 - Creation of work group to support CSC in development of Connect Freeport
- **Connect Freeport:** For all activity centers identified by the Active Living Plan, identify optimal solutions for active living, including shoulder design, multi-use paths, trail connections, speed control designs, crosswalks, safe routes to school, and more.

Connect Freeport is a blueprint for a more connected community that encourages active modes of transportation and supports the public health and economic prosperity of Freeport. Fulfilling the Connect Freeport vision will transform Freeport to a more complete community where residents can safely walk, ride or run to work, schools and recreation areas, and visitors will be drawn by the outdoor experience in addition to retail.