

Lakeshore Drive Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

Are pedestrian or bike improvements planned for Lakeshore Drive?

Yes. Spanning back to the Route 127 Project in the late 1990s, this corridor was identified as needing options. West Lakeshore Drive was noted as needing both a sidewalk and multi-use path. A sidewalk was constructed along West Lakeshore Drive in the early 2000s that addressed some of the need. Additional improvements are planned to accommodate the land use plan of the Malletts Bay Initiative.

What pedestrian or bike amenities are planned for the Lakeshore Drive area?

After reviewing alternatives for West Lakeshore Drive, the Colchester Selectboard approved a ped / bike plan in October 2017 for further development subject to available funding. This project includes approximately 5,400 feet of 10' wide separated bike path along the south side of West Lakeshore Drive from the Bayside intersection to Prim Road; a series of storm water management improvements designed to improve basic roadway drainage issues along West Lakeshore Drive and provide water quality treatment consistent with current standards; and provides approximately 1,000 feet of 5' wide concrete sidewalk on the north side of the road from the State Fishing Access to the Lakeshore Drive Shopping Plaza.

How much these improvements will costs?

The construction cost estimate is \$5.4 million.

When will these improvements be constructed?

A date has not been determined but the project would be coordinated with any planned intersection, road, stormwater, sewer/septic, or other utility work and subject to financing.

Will there be improvements for East Lakeshore Drive too?

While this are continues to be a priority, any improvements for this area would likely be completed after the improvements are completed for West Lakeshore Drive.



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