

Bristol Town Administrator

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To: Bristol Town Administrator; Darla Senecal
Subject: traffic calming near Creamee Stand

Dear Valerie and Darla:

Recently on Front Porch Forum, I read a conversation between Bristol residents discussing the desire to make the crossing to the Village Creamee stand more safe. I am writing to reach out to help with a solution, as this work falls within my capacity as RiseVT Program Manager in Addison County.

The Creamee stand situation sounds like a perfect opportunity to construct a temporary (May- September) traffic calming project. The Town of Bristol has recently invested in curbing near the Mobil station and a crosswalk to the edge of the Creamee stand parking lot. There are many ways that a “pop-up” traffic calming project could potentially use hay bales, or large flower pots and bollards/cones to designate the crosswalk (so everyone uses it) and make the crosswalk more visible to motorists.

If the Town of Bristol supports this idea, I offer to help gather the necessary data, volunteers and resources to get this project off the ground. I spoke previously with Mike Winslow at ACRPC and he is interested in helping with this project. And, as per Darla’s suggestion, I spoke this morning with Piper Westbrook, who runs the Village Creamee stand. Piper is very supportive of this project. Local Motion and Addison Walk Bike Council could also be a key players and I am happy to reach out to them when appropriate.

I am wondering your initial thoughts on this idea? I am happy to discuss with you further, gather data, attend meetings, whatever might be helpful. Please send your thoughts.

Thanks for your time,

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