

July 16, 2023

Chair Helen Riehle,

The South Burlington Business Association supports an asphalt paved shared-use path across Hubbard Park.

We agree with the South Burlington Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (SBBPC) that the path should be paved and maintained to the same standard as the rest of city's shared-use paths. The current design of Hubbard Park anticipates this shared use path across the park to provide for bike and pedestrian access from both the north and south. The Hubbard Park path is an integral part of South Burlington's network for bike riders and pedestrians, providing a safe alternative form of transportation. Paving the path will also ensure equity by providing accessibility for people of all ages and abilities.

The park should also include amenities such as benches for those that need to rest while enjoying an open space purchased with taxpayer funds. These amenities will promote wellness for children, families, and older citizens. It will also provide a key link in South Burlington's effort to reduce greenhouse emissions and vehicle miles traveled by making it easier for bike commuters to get safely where they want to go.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Cota

Meadow Hill, on behalf of the South Burlington Business Association