



Walking, Biking, and Rolling in VT

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Local Motion's mission is to make it safe, accessible, and fun for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.



What we're trying to achieve:
All ages & abilities
infrastructure

Streets vs. Roads

Streets are places to build social and financial wealth **in a community**

- Complex
- Low speed

Roads move people and goods efficiently **between communities**

- Simple
- Higher speed
 - Not necessarily cars (railroad)

The “stroad”

Tries to be both a street and a road, fails at both.

- Complexity mixed with speed = **Very dangerous**
- Lots of lanes, signals, etc. = **Very expensive**
- Big-boxes and national chains = **Very subsidized**



Route 7, Rutland

Two people injured and one killed while walking within a quarter mile of this intersection between February and August 2022.

Shared space street

- Car speeds of 1 - 15 MPH
- People walking, biking, and rolling can usually safely share the street with people driving
- Sometimes cars are excluded



Provincetown, MA

Low-speed street

- Car speeds 15 - 25 MPH
- Painted bike infrastructure is sometimes sufficient, but protection is often desirable
- Sidewalks and short crossings for people walking and rolling



N. Union Street, Burlington



Moderate-speed street

- Car speeds 25 - 35 MPH
- Protected bike infrastructure, ideally grade-separated
- Sidewalks & enhanced crossings for people walking and rolling



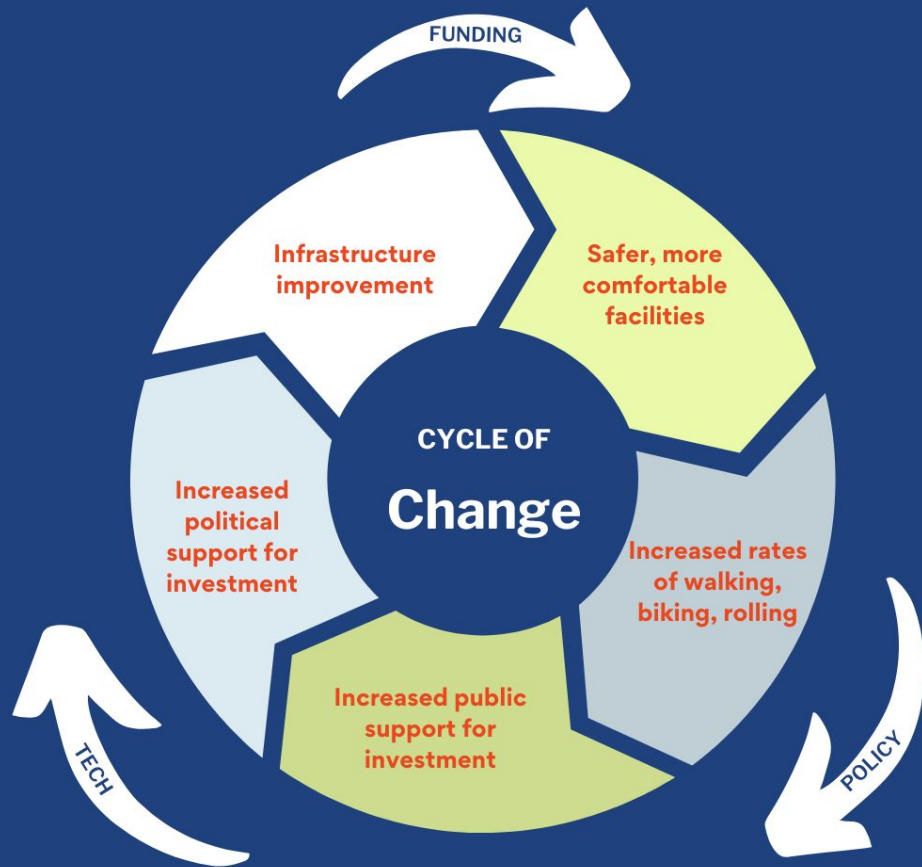
Raised bike lane and crossing in Cambridge, MA

Roads

- Car speeds over 35 MPH
- Fully grade separated, with degree of protection/separation increasing with speed
- Access control (reducing driveways and intersections)
- Enhancements at intersections, potentially including roundabouts



Shared use path along Route 15 in Colchester



Levers for the HTC

- Policy
 - Updated Complete Streets legislation
 - Vermont State Standards update
- Funding
 - Increased funding via Bike/Pedestrian Program Grant
 - Transit!
- Technology
 - E-bike incentive program