



# Vulnerable User Regulation Updates

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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.

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# VRU Traffic Regulations

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-  Fixes “pedestrian” definition
-  Addresses sidewalk use requirement
-  Requires 4 ft passing distance
-  Makes bicycling safer

# Fixing the “pedestrian” definition

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- Manual wheelchair users not included in current definition



**Proposal corrects this definition to ensure that manual wheelchair users are defined as pedestrians and extended associated protections and right-of-way**

# Addressing our sidewalk use requirement

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- Current law prohibits people from walking in the road if a sidewalk is present
- Makes basic mobility unlawful for our most vulnerable users

 Proposal removes this statute



# Requiring 4 ft passing distance

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- Current law **recommends** drivers provide 4 ft clearance when passing a vulnerable user



**Proposal makes 4 ft clearance a requirement**



# Making bicycling safer at intersections

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Allows people on bikes to cross intersections on pedestrian signals







Allows people on bikes to yield at stop signs when no other traffic is present

- 23% reduction in bicycle-involved crashes at stop intersections in Delaware since being passed in 2017
- Endorsed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

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