

City of Keene New Hampshire

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 8:15 AM

City Hall, <u>Second</u> Floor Conference Room

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- 1) Roll Call
- 2) January 9, 2019 Minutes
- 3) Project Updates

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- 4) Old Business
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Next meeting date – March 13, 2019



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1) Roll Call

Vice Chair Benik called meeting to order at 8:15 am and roll call was conducted.

2) Membership & Elections

Mr. Schoefmann introduced Mr. Dufresne as BPPAC's newest member. Mr. Dufresne shared that he just moved into town in April from Boston, he is an avid cyclist, coaches the rugby team and is interested in becoming involved in the zoning planning as well.

Mr. Schoefmann stated that Mr. Little's sixth term is up so he has been appointed as an alternate. He said that the Mayor has received some requests from other potential members and as soon as City Council confirms those people he will let the members know. Vice Chair Benik stated that there is one more alternate position and one more member position available. Mr. Schoefmann stated that today they will be nominating members for Chair and Vice Chair positions and voting on the nominations.

Mr. Redfern nominated Vice Chair Benik as Chair. Vice Chair Benik stated that he was going to nominate Chair Rubin for Chair again, however Chair Rubin had expressed she may

not be interested. Vice Chair Benik nominated Mr. Bryenton as Vice Chair. Mr. Brehme nominated Vice Chair Benik as Chair, as he aalso recalls that Chair Rubin was not interested in another term. Mr. Brehme nominated Mr. Bryenton as Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Benik moved to elect himself as Chair, Mr. Brehme seconded and motion passed unanimously.

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3) November 14, 2018 & December 12, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Little moved to accept the November 14, 2018 minutes as submitted, Mr. Brehme seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Little moved to accept the December 12, 2018 minutes with revisions, by adding the project name next to ID numbers and attaching a table to the minutes, Mr. Dufresne seconded and motion passed unanimously:

Revisions are as follows:

Page 2, paragraph 1, change: "move the date forwards" to "move the date forward."

Page 3, last paragraph, change "She said they need" to "Chair Rubin said they need."

Page 6, paragraph 2, change "BE-21 is 5, BE-26 is 6" to "BE-21 should be 5, BE-26 should be 6."

Mr. Schoefmann said he could post the project table on the website with the packets and minutes. Mr. Little asked if the information would be available for the next 10-15 years and Mr. Schoefmann replied yes. Vice Chair Benik agreed that the table should be attached in the minutes and Mr. Schoefmann said he will make sure that is possible. Mr. Little suggested inserting a table in the minutes that lists the project codes clearly so people can follow the minutes more easily. Mr. Brehme suggested adding the name of the project next to the identification number in addition to posting the table online.

4) Project Updates

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Mr. Schoefmann stated that there are two tables in the packet: the first two-page table lists the updates for the current month, and the second table is from the previous month so people can track the project updates. He said he rearranged the January table by putting the Master Plan projects the committee had discussed in the bottom portion of the table. He said he listed the ranks as well, and in the third column the Master Plan number is listed.

<u>Draft letter for Department of Public Works (DPW)</u>- Mr. Schoefmann said he was supposed to have a draft letter in memo form for the Department of Public Works ready for today's meeting but he did not get a chance to write it. However, he will send the committee a draft so that members can provide feedback and communicate changes and then send the letter to DPW before next month.

<u>Wayfinding project</u>- Mr. Schoefmann stated that there is continued development of downtown pedestrian level wayfinding by DPW; however, the signage is not ideal for pedestrian level wayfinding. He encouraged members to visit the downtown area and provide feedback about signage by email to himself or Mr. Lundquist. Vice Chair Benik stated that the signage is difficult to see. Mr. Dufresne asked Mr. Schoefmann if BPPAC made the recommendation for signage. Mr. Schoefmann replied they can make suggestions; however,

downtown is a funny animal politically, with a lot of competing interests, and their feedback may not be incorporated. He said members should look for signs from Emerald Street to the Pedestrian Square to assess whether the signs are noticeable. Vice Chair Benik said the signage is more aligned with wayfinding for auto traffic as the signs are placed higher up than pedestrian level. Mr. Schoefmann stated that the wayfinding ties into the Downtown Revitalization project that DPW has been spearheading, as well as the public forum they held last summer.

Cheshire Rail Trail Phase 4-Transportation Heritage Trail – Mr. Schoefmann stated that the Transportation Heritage Trail will go from the Eastern Avenue trailhead across 101. Mr. Little asked where the name for the trail came from and Mr. Schoefmann replied the City Engineer named it in league with the Industrial Heritage. Mr. Little said the project name is Cheshire Rail Trail-Phase 4 and Mr. Schoefmann said Mr. Little would have to talk to Mr. Lucier about that. Mr. Schoefmann said the trail will create an overpass at 101 to provide safe crossing over to the Old Stone Arch Bridge and improve the top of the bridge with railings for pedestrian and cyclist safety, as well as the crossing at Swanzey Factory Road. Mr. Schoefmann said it is a comprehensive project and in the past the project was broken out into different sections, for example, the crossing at 101 and the Stone Arch Bridge as a National Historic Registry feature. He said it has typically been viewed as three projects; however, they are attempting to incorporate them into one project for the purpose of the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) as a funding mechanism. Mr. Schoefmann stated that he included the supplemental CIP page the City Engineer submitted in this year's CIP at the end of the packet. He said the project is not funded and is purely supplemental; however, the idea is to get this project onto the books hopefully for next year.

Mr. Little asked if the bridge is the same one they had discussed previously which is buried somewhere waiting to be delivered to Keene. Mr. Schoefmann replied yes, however, he does not have the answers to all of Mr. Little's questions. Mr. Little asked if the bridge has a 200 foot span and if it does not, he asked if NH DOT has approved its use over their highway. Mr. Schoefmann replied that he will forward Mr. Little's questions to Mr. Lucier so Mr. Little can get better informed answers to his questions. Mr. Little said it is surprising that the City would move forward without the answers to these questions. He said the North and South Bridges taught him about the self-rusting steel concept which means that they would not have to maintain the bridge for the next 150 years. He asked if the bridge is not selfrusting steel, what would be the annual maintenance cost for the bridge. Mr. Little added it might be more cost-effective to build a third bridge that is a carbon copy of South Bridge if maintenance costs are high. Vice Chair Benik asked what the cost of South Bridge was. Mr. Little replied that it cost 1.5M for the structure and the work; however, because it was done by the State of NH some of the overhead may have been reduced in the process. He said North Bridge was more expensive at a cost of 2.5M. Mr. Little stated that there is no indication of where the external million dollars is coming from for the current project which is listed on the bottom. He said the whole concept is "drafty" and there is a danger in publishing numbers that are not confirmed as that strategy can backfire. He said the width is possibly a deal-breaker and that is why he brought the question up in the first place. Mr. Little said South Bridge is not centered over the highway to allow for expansion in the future.

Mr. Redfern asked Mr. Little what his qualifications are for challenging the City Engineer's evaluation of the width of the bridge, as DOT and the City Engineer are both confident that it will accommodate future growth. Mr. Little said nobody from the City has confirmed that NH DOT has approved it. Mr. Schoefmann said he will reach out to Mr. Lucier to have Mr.

Little's questions addressed. Mr. Little stated that he is not trying to impede the project and instead wants to help it move forward.

Mr. Little thanked Mr. Schoefmann for putting the top eleven projects on the list. Mr. Schoefmann said the eleventh project is the Emerald Star project which is still in a conceptual phase and not a Master Plan project yet. Vice Chair Benik said at the last meeting they came up with a top 10, and they placed the Emerald Star project in the eleventh spot to keep that on the radar as it is not in the Master Plan, it is on private property and not within the City's purview. Mr. Schoefmann asked if anyone has questions and feedback on the list and offered to answer any questions new member Mr. Dufresne may have.

5) Old Business

Bike Counting: Schedule 2019- Vice Chair Benik stated that the committee needs to schedule bike and pedestrian counts for West Street to collect data on traffic for this year. Last year they did the counts at the end of February and early March and he asked if they should repeat the same timeframe that this year. Mr. Schoefmann recommended that they keep the timeframe consistent with last year. Vice Chair Benik stated that he hopes they can get counts with snow on the ground. Mr. Schoefmann said the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation project have not released their new count dates on their website. However, last year they posted May and September dates, so when they release those dates perhaps BPPAC can sync up their counts with those dates. He said he can confirm whether or not those dates have changed with a contact he has at Alta Design. Mr. Schoefmann said he will send a Doodle Poll out for members to sign up to perform the counts.

<u>Bike Racks: Memo review/approval</u>- Vice Chair Benik stated that Chair Rubin emailed a draft of a letter to DPW, Mr. Schoefmann will forward the letter to the committee and members can respond with suggested edits and input regarding the bike racks to himself and Mr. Schoefmann.

Public Outreach and Events- Mr. Schoefmann stated that the State of New Hampshire chose a consultant for their Bicycle Pedestrian Plan update called Alta Planning and Design, who also worked with the City on concept planning for the Park Avenue-Cheshire Rail Trail Three-Loop project. He said Alta will be holding a meeting in Keene with a Q&A session. He is working on a date with them, as they are planning on attending the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, however, Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) was aiming to schedule their annual meeting later that day to reach out to the broader community. He said he will send out meeting dates as they are confirmed.

Mr. Schoefmann said there is a Marlborough Street corridor project informational meeting next Wednesday and he will send the meeting date out so members can participate in that. He said the meeting date is also listed on the new electronic information board in the City Hall lobby.

Mr. Schoefmann stated that the City had applied for funds from the MAST Complete Streets grant which they did not get awarded, as well as the NH DOT TAP funds in which Keene was ranked fourth in the region. He said NH DOT makes final selections for that grant program around the New Year so announcements should be made soon. He said DPW is forging forward with projects as much as they can without the grant funds.

Mr. Redfern said there is a group that has been organizing to get the State of NH to put state money aside for rail trail development. He said the group is requesting members of the public to contact Senator Sununu and request he put 5M aside for the next two years from the supplemental biennial budget for rail trail development. He provided the Senator's number, 603-271-2121, and said an aide will take a name, address and phone number and comments. He said members can call the office and state that they would like the Governor to support the supplemental biennial budget for each year for rail trail development. Mr. Redfern said their office was inundated yesterday with phone calls.

Mr. Redfern said there is also a House bill that deals with e-bikes on rail trails through federal classifications 1-3. He said the State is looking at consolidating the statutes to allow e-bikes on the trail as long as they do not exceed 20 mph on the rail trail.

Mr. Redfern said a trail plan is going to be created under a bill submitted by Senator Kahn which has bipartisan support for creating a trail plan that was due ten years ago. He said it will tackle current issues for rail trail development. Mr. Schoefmann asked if all the information is available on the Bike-Walk Alliance website. Mr. Redfern replied that the e-bike information is on the Bike-Walk Alliance website and the Senate bill for rail trail development is on the State government website.

6) Project Priorities 2019 Recap/Action Item Development

Mr. Schoefmann asked if members are happy with the way the projects have been prioritized. He asked if he should put number eleven on the bottom. Mr. Little stated the fact that the projects are listed is great, even if they are subject to change, most importantly the projects that BPPAC care about are listed so they do not lose track of projects. He said he is happy with the direction the committee is moving in. Mr. Little said that BE-0- Cheshire Rail Trail-Park Avenue Loop project is missing from the list, which is the highest ranking project and happening now.

Vice Chair Benik reviewed the committee's action items for the meeting. He said they will be scheduling their pedestrian counts, sending out a letter to DPW about bike racks, assess wayfinding signage put out by the City and send out Mr. Little's questions regarding the bridge and its feasibility.

Mr. Little asked where the summary of the new counts can be found. Vice Chair Benik replied that the new counts were listed in last month's packet. Mr. Dufresne asked what the purpose is of performing the new counts. Vice Chair Benik replied that they want to compile a strong data set to make the case for West Street, as it is a project that is not currently on the City's radar and there many issues, including utility and social justice issues, as well as narrow sidewalks that are in various states of disrepair. Mr. Schoefmann stated that they need to establish the need for better pedestrian walkability and bikeability and they need to get it on the budget. He said he is not sure is it is even in the five year pipeline. Vice Chair Benik said West Street needs a lot of work so it will be a big future project.

7) New Business

Items to be included for next meeting:

Vice Chair Benik said they can firm up attendance for pedestrian and bike counts at the next meeting. Mr. Schoefmann said he will try to have Mr. Lucier come in and speak to the committee to answer questions and he will let members know in advance. He said they will also let Mr. Bryenton know of his new Vice Chair position.

8) Adjournment

Vice Chair Benik adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

Next meeting date – February 13, 2019

Minutes by Ayshah Kassmali-Fox Minute Taker

Additional edits by Will Schoefmann Community Development Staff BPPAC Project Updates 2019

FEBRUARY

Project	PRIORITY	Master Plan	Status	Budget *		Schedule			Updates	
FTOJECC	PRIORITI	Project #	Status	Cost	Status	Start	Finish	Status	(changes and relevant updates)	
Master Plan	N/A	N/A	Working	City Staff	N/A	Spring14	Fall 2018	Behind	Introduction and Background available for BPPAC Review, Trail Specific Maps and details regarding North Bridge inserted.	
Jonathan Daniels Trail Maintenance	N/A	BE4	Planning	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Getting estimate for drainage and surfacing maintenance	
Bike Racks	N/A	BE28	Working	N/A	N/A	ongoing	N/A	N/A	BPPAC to review memo to public works regarding a plan and locations for Downtown Bike Racks. Many bike racks not put out in usual places during 2018	
Lighting	N/A	BE28	Completed	City Staff	Even	complete	N/A	On Schedule	Lumens for Less have installed the light posts and lights along selected stretches of the Cheshire Railtrail. This project is supported by the City but managed by PFK. Some complaints about motion censors mis-timing. Additional lights this year.	
Complete Street Grant 2017-18	N/A	N/A	Completed	\$10K	Even	complete	May-18	On Schedule	Lining has been redone as part of DPW's road striping budget. Project signage has been installed. City Staff needs to follow up on the metrics with SWRPC including Bike Counts in the project area, a final PSA, accident research.	
NHDOT TAP Grant 2018	N/A	BE22	Submitted	\$674K	N/A	Winter 2018	Summer 19	On Schedule	City of Keene has been selected as a TAP grant recipient for Complete Street improvements to Marlboro Street that tie into other planned improvements, infrastructure, economic development goals and the CRT. The project was ranked #4 by our regional TAC and is one of three regional projects receiving the Grant.	
Bicycle Mayor	N/A	N/A	Working	Safe Routes to School	Even	Winter 2018	Fall 2019	On Schedule	Keene Middle School - Safe Routes to School grant for education and outreach events and updated safe routes tool kit document. Bicycle Mayor will be coordinating the events to coincide with Bike to Work Week and has been officially contracted for this project.	
MASTER PLAN PROJECTS										
Cheshire Rail Trail - Park Ave. Loop	1	BEO	Working	\$411,615.51	Even	Spring19	Fall 19	Behind	Engineering division of DPW is managing this project now. Preliminary Engineering Plans and Report approved by NHDOT/FHWA. Anticipated construction 2019. ROW discussions and negotiations underway with abutters.	
Access Point & Connectivity Analysis	2	BE13	Planning	KSC Students	N/A	Fall 2018	Dec-18	On Schedule	Master Plan top 5 project. Staff is working with a Group of KSC Geography Seniors in the capstone seminar project to help analyze connectivity and develop a Complete Streets "report card"	
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ITEMS WITH UPDATES									



Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee (BPPAC)

TO: Kürt Blomquist, Director, Public Works

FROM: Dillon Benik, Chair, Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Will Schoefmann, GIS Mapping Technician

COPY: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager

Billy Byrne, Highway Foreman, Public Works

Rhett Lamb, Director, Community Dev. & Assistant City Manager

Andy Bohannon, Director, Parks, Recreation & Facilities

DATE: February 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee –

Request for Downtown Bike Rack Plan and Schedule

Background

At its regular November meeting the Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee discussed the lack of consistency in bike rack placement from summer to summer in downtown Keene. The committee resolved to bring this to the attention of the Public Works Department and request a formal plan and schedule for the bicycle racks and locations in downtown Keene.

Request

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee (BPPAC) requests that a City of Keene Bike Rack Plan be developed and implemented by the Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments for the start of the 2019 biking season. This plan should be in alignment with recommendations from both the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) and the League of American Bicyclists', Bicycle Friendly Community program (of which Keene is a Bronze Community). Specific recommendations to consider in this plan are as follows:

- 1. An inventory of the current bike racks owned by the City, by type (ie inverted U, Post and Ring, Wheel Well, etc)
- 2. A map of the current bike rack placement sites with a log of the total number of bike parking spaces available throughout the the City
- 3. A plan for installing the public bike racks annually by April 15th and removing and storing them by December 1st.
- 4. An assessment of the percentage of bike racks owned by the City that align with the guidelines for design from the APBP.
- 5. Development of bike rack design criteria for the City that aligns with the APBP's guidelines, emphasizing both convenience and ease of use.
- 6. Development of a bike rack maintenance and replacement plan to have all racks in the City comply with the guidelines.
- 7. Development of a budget for the Bike Rack Plan that includes the purchase of any new bike racks to comply with the City's new bike rack design guidelines.

BPPAC is ready to support the development of the City's Bike Rack Plan in whatever ways make sense. We invite you to a future BPPAC meeting to discuss this letter, the development of the plan and how we can help.

Regards, BPPAC Members

Please contact Will Schoefmann with any questions, concerns or comments. x 6038 or wschoefmann@ci.keene.nh.us and Dillon Benik at dillonbenik@gmail.com

CITY OF KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 2019 - 2024 Capital Project Funding Request

GENERAL PROJECT DATA

Project Name: Marlboro Street Corridor Improvements

Department: Public Works - General Fund

Physical Location: Marlboro Street

Federal Mandate: N/A
State Regulation or Law: N/A

Master Plan (CMP) Focus Area: Quality Built Environment

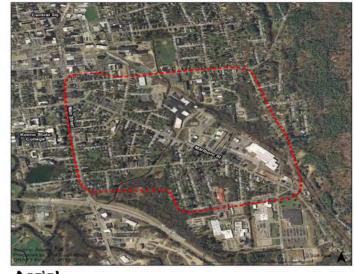
CMP Vision/Strategy: Maintaining Neighborhoods

Council Initiative: Policy

V.O.I.C.E.: Continually Assess Facilities and

Infrastructure

Departmental Objective:







PROJECT DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

In 2015 the City completed the Marlboro Street Zoning and Land Use Study. This study explored innovative approaches to encourage redevelopment along Marlboro Street and Southeast Keene. The study recommended changes to zoning and other regulations that will promote redevelopment of underutilized properties, improve stormwater management practices, preserve residential neighborhoods, and strengthen the area as a vibrant, walkable, mixed-use district. It identified improvements to Marlboro Street and adjacent neighborhoods to improve connectivity, walkability, pedestrian use, traffic flow, and enhance the appearance of the street.

This project provides funds to construct the interim Complete Streets concepts outlined in the 2015 Study. These concepts are tailored to three distinct segments of Marlboro Street based on street width and adjacent uses. The interim design calls for painted lane markings, crosswalks, and landscaping. FY17 provided funds to develop construction documents for the interim improvements. FY 19 provides funds for the construction of the proposed interim work. Once this work is completed the operating budget will be adjusted to maintain the pavement markings and other improvements.

It should be noted that the City applied for a NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in the summer of 2016. The grant application proposes leveraging the funds requested under this CIP initiative as a 20% local match for a project with an expanded scope. If the City's application is accepted, the requested funds will be combined with the grant funds for a total project budget of approximately \$980,000. The grant application included conceptual plans for streetscape improvements at selected nodes along Marlboro Street, as well as consistant complete street treatments between the nodes.

FINANCIAL PLAN & PROJECT SCHEDULE

	PRIOR YR	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES								
Design		171,017						171,017
Construction/Implementation								0
Property/Equip. Acquisition								0
TOTAL	\$0	\$171,017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$171,017
FUNDING								
Current Revenue								0
Capital Reserve		171,017						171,017
Debt Funded								0
Federal or State Grants								0
Other Sources								0
TOTAL	\$0	\$171,017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$171,017

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT:

Minimal \$5,001 to \$50,000

Ongoing

PROJECT STATUS:

Ongoing CIP

CITY OF KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 2020 - 2025 Capital Project Funding Request

GENERAL PROJECT DATA

Project Name: Open Space and Trails
Department: Parks & Recreation

Physical Location: Various Federal Mandate: VArious

State Regulation or Law: N/A

Master Plan (CMP) Focus Area: Healthy Community

CMP Vision/Strategy: Trails & Bike Pathways

Council Initiative: N/A

V.O.I.C.E.: Continually Assess Facilities and

Infrastructure

Departmental Objective: Master Plan Recommendation # 12 -

Improve the level of service in parks, facilities, trails and open space



PROJECT DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

The open space and trails system in the City of Keene plays a vital role in maintaining the work, live, and play for the future of our community. Along with the well-built multi-use trails, Keene's open space offers a significant resource to our culture and history. The Active and Passive Recreation Management Plan identified in key issue #3, the need to manage and sustain our natural resources. The recommendation was to engage our community with additional outdoor and environmental activities. In 2018, the Conservation Commission moved forward with a Goose Pond Stewardship Plan. The plan highlights the need for an improved trail network in the greater Goose Pond forest. These recommendations can only further the need for an asset management program to keep our resources well maintained and create opportunities across the city in our other natural areas. This project would focus on trail rehabilitation and maintenance needed across our current rail networks.

Additional funds would be sought through the State of NH Recreational Trails Grant program.

2021 - Trail improvements on Jonathan Daniels Trail & rail trail clearing

2022 - Trail improvement in Greater Goose Pond Forest & rail trail clearing

2023 - Trail Improvements in Greater Goose Pond Forest & rail trail clearing

2024 - Repave Appel Way

2025 - Trail Improvements in Robin Hood Park and Beech Hill Preserve

2026 - Trail Improvements for trail network

Since 2010, the City has made a cumulative investment of \$2,582,990.51

FINANCIAL PLAN & PROJECT SCHEDULE

	PRIOR YR	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES								
Design								0
Construction/Implementation			25,000	25,000	25,000	85,000	25,000	185,000
Property/Equip. Acquisition								0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$85,000	\$25,000	\$185,000
FUNDING								
Current Revenue			25,000	25,000	25,000	85,000	25,000	185,000
Capital Reserve								0
Debt Funded								0
Federal or State Grants								0
Trust Funds								0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$85,000	\$25,000	\$185,000

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT:

Negligible<\$5,001 Ongoing PROJECT STATUS:

New Project

