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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Infrastructure Committee  
FROM: Jennifer Murray, Town Planner  
CC: D. Werner, B. Kernan, D. Shaw, T. Hanley, K. Ramsay, J. Gish  
DATE: 6/14/2018  
SUBJECT: Discussion about Merchants Row

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### Background

During the planning process for Triangle Park/Printer's Alley, staff raised the question of Merchant's Row and learned that final restoration plans for that area are being finalized at the end of June. Staff wanted one final opportunity to weigh-in about the final direction of Merchant's Row. To that end, Department Heads from public works, fire and planning (police chief on vacation) met on June 6<sup>th</sup> to review VHB's preliminary plans for restoration of Merchant's Row following the Bridge & Rail Project.

### Summary

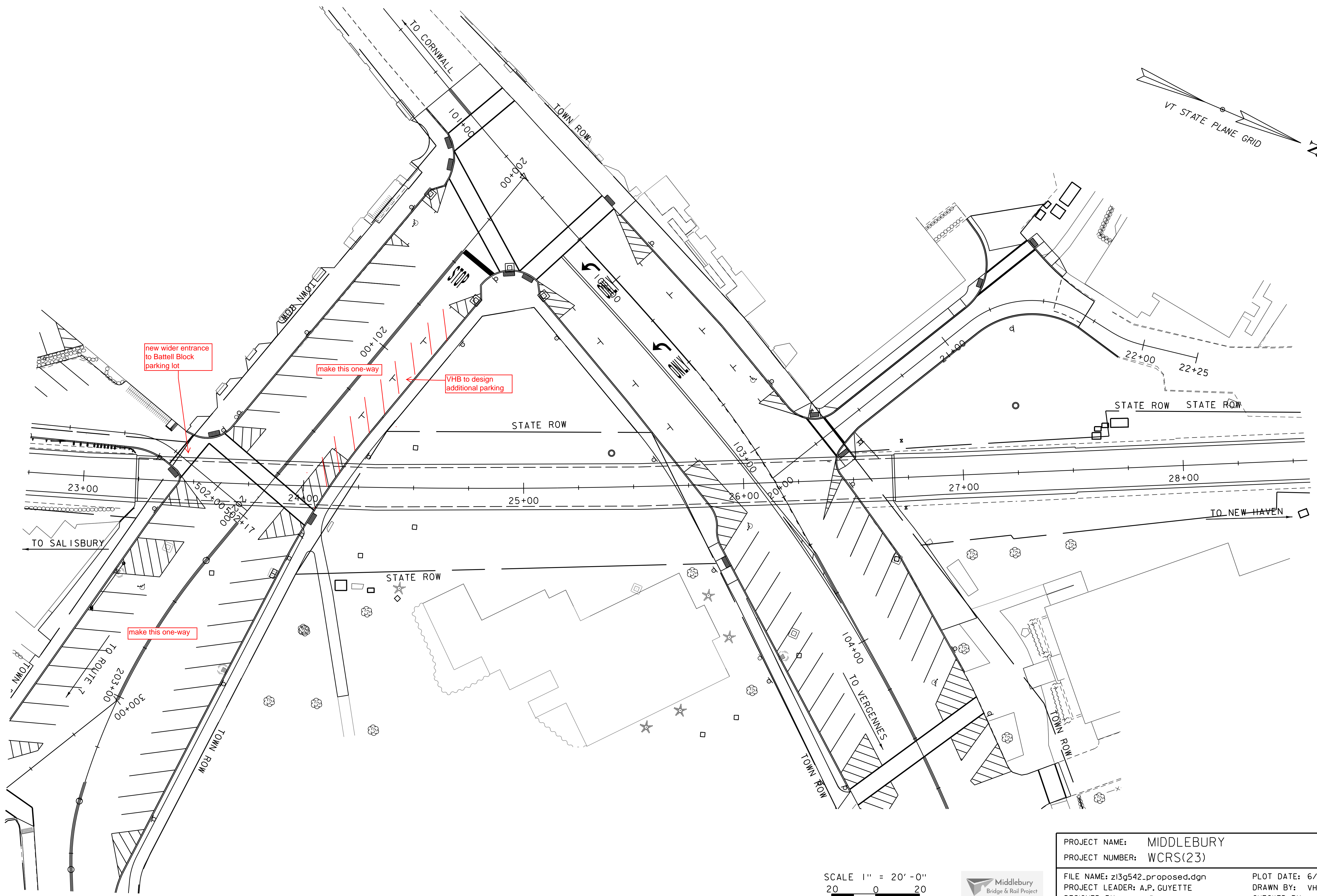
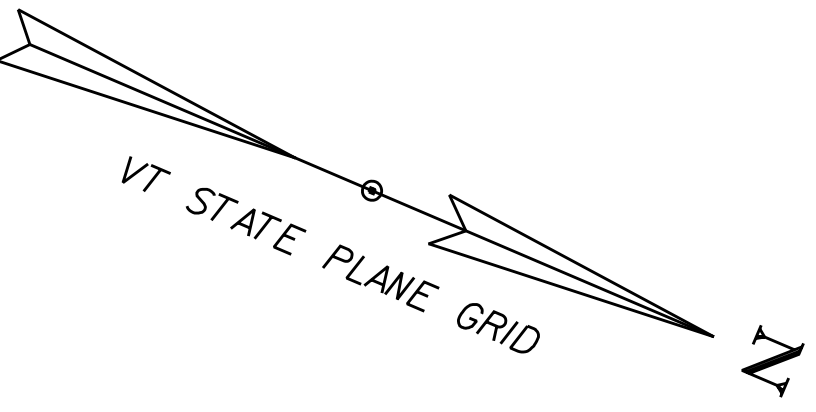
The plans from VHB showed Merchant's Row being restored to two-way traffic. After extensive discussion, Staff concluded that the **preferred design for Merchant's Row is One-Way Eastbound flow of traffic (away from Main Street).**

#### Reasoning:

- The one-way option *works efficiently* and has been well-received during the current demonstration period
- The one-way eastbound option *improves safety*, as it eliminates the documented hazard of traffic from Merchant's Row turning on to Main Street southbound
- The one-way option would have one travel lane, allowing *additional parking spaces* to be added on Merchant's Row
- Reconfiguration and widening of Battell Block entrance gives us flexibility

### Request

We are asking the Infrastructure Committee to endorse Staff's recommendation to retain Merchant's Row as one-way eastbound traffic flow, and eliminate two-way traffic at the western end. This will allow Staff to request that VHB revise the restoration plans to show a one-way flow of traffic and optimize the number of additional parking spaces on Merchants Row. These plans will subsequently be reviewed for safety considerations by Staff.



new wider entrance  
to Battell Block  
parking lot

make this one-way

VHB to design  
additional parking

make this one-way

SCALE 1" = 20' - 0"  
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