

North end's Agricola Street to get makeover

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The North End Business Association (NEBA) and the Halifax Cycling Coalition (HCC) will be co-hosting a stakeholder information session to discuss the Agricola Street Improvement Plan on Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at The Chain Yard Urban Cidery, 2606 Agricola St.

Businesses, residents, and the general public are invited to come learn about streetscaping improvements, such as curb extensions, tree planting, benches, and more. The business association and the cycling coalition will share plans for the renovation, which will start in spring 2019.

"We are excited that the Agricola Streetscaping project is moving forward as a collaboration between HRM and community stakeholders," Meghan Doucette of The Halifax Cycling Coalition said in a news release. "We look forward to working together to make the street safer and more enjoyable for people biking and walking."

The North End Business Association and the cycling coalition have been collaborating for five years on an improvement plan for Agricola Street. The Halifax Regional Municipality has scheduled Agricola Street to be repaved next year. As part of the project, a select number of curb extensions will be built with the aim to calm traffic and improve the street for all users including pedestrians and cyclists.

"Over the past five years we have seen Agricola Street transform into a destination for commerce, culture, and community life for residents and visitors alike" says Patricia Cuttell, executive director of the business association. "This has largely been due to private investment from small locally owned businesses."

The North End Business Association was established as an official Business Improvement District in 2011, to promote and support commercial development in the north end.

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