



To: Church Street Marketplace Commission
From: Samantha McGinnis, Assistant Director
CC: Kara Alnasrawi, Director
Date: July 11, 2024

Re: Criterium Bike Race

Background:

The Criterium Bike Race [[Green Mountain Stage Race \(gmsr.info\)](https://gmsr.info)] is an annual bike race in downtown Burlington, VT on Labor Day. This year's race will be held Monday, September 2nd. The riders have traditionally followed a 6-corner route that includes the lower block of the Church Street Marketplace (Main St. to College St.). This race has taken place in the Burlington's downtown and on the Marketplace for over 20 years. However, due to construction impacts from both the Main Street Project (<https://greatstreetsbtv.com/>) and the Church Street Marketplace's Leahy Congressionally Directed Funding Brick Work Project, this route will not be possible in 2024.

2024 Criterium Race Route Options:

The race organizers, along with City of Burlington staff from the Department of Public Works and Church Street Marketplace have created two alternative routes for the race in 2024. Burlington Criterium A, would be a 7-corner route that includes the second block of the Church Street Marketplace (College St. To Bank St.). Burlington Criterium B would be a 4-corner route that does not include the Church Street Marketplace but would run along College Street between the lower and second blocks of the Church Street Marketplace. See Attachment A. With construction timelines continually moving, it is unclear at this time which route will be available for the Criterium Bike Race in early September. City Staff and race organizers will work together to make a final decision by Monday, August 19th.

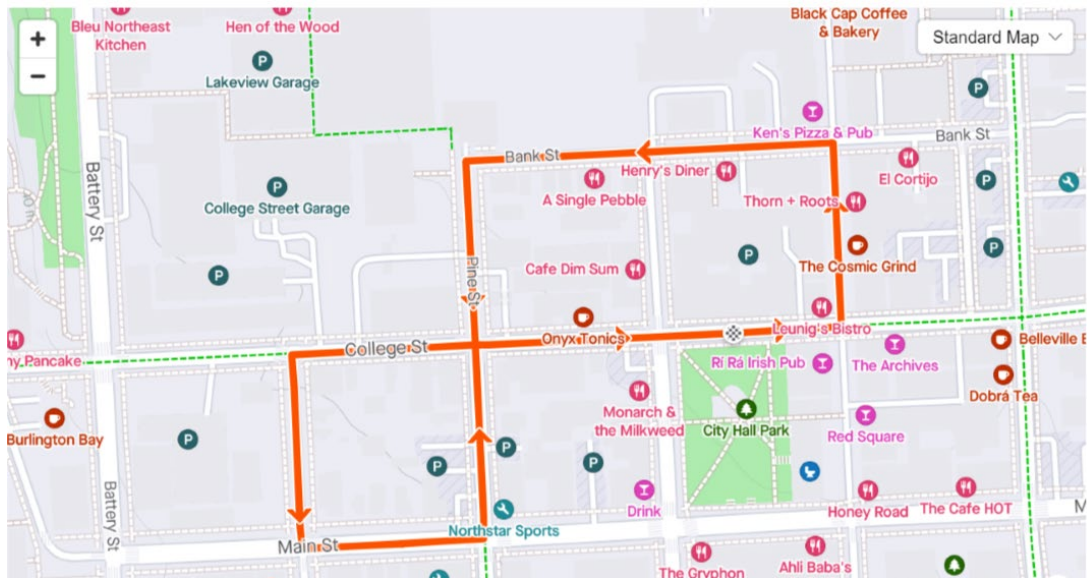
Church Street Marketplace Impacts:

City ordinance prohibits the use of non-motorized vehicles on the Marketplace [see Marketplace Regulations — Church Street Marketplace (churchstmarketplace.com)]. However, the Church Street Marketplace Commission has the authority to waive this regulation on a case-by-case basis. In previous years, there have been some complaints, by restaurants on the lower block, due to reductions in their café footprint during the race. Since then, the race sponsors have worked with restaurants to successfully narrow the path of the race and adjust hours to accommodate the lunch crowd. Patios are now only reduced by 3' to parade set-up size, 9' off of the granite center line. We would require race sponsors to continue the parade set-up with patios on the second block if the Burlington Criterium A route is chosen. There will be no impact to the Church Street Marketplace if Burlington Criterium B route is chosen.

Staff recommends approval of the Burlington Criterium A race route if construction allows.

ATTACHMENT A

BURLINGTON CRITERIUM A



BURLINGTON CRITERIUM B

