

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
645 PINE STREET
BURLINGTON, VERMONT 05401
COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 19, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

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Commissioners Present: Commissioner Barr, Vice Chair Fox, Commissioner Davis,
Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco

Commissioner Absent: Chair Damiani, Commissioner Munteanu

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Fox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA

Commissioner Barr made a motion to approve the agenda
Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco seconded.
Unanimous Approval.

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC FORUM

Sharon Bushor called to inquire about the removal of parking on North Winooski Avenue creates tension. There has been a lot of conversation on metered parking in residential parking only area. Pedestrians are the weakest link in the bike/walk proposal.

Linda Risi and Maddy Posk are residents of Hungerford Terrace and are questioning why there is going to be a chicane in their neighborhood, there is not a lot of traffic and not a lot of speeding.

ITEM 4 – CONSENT AGENNDA

Director Spencer stated the consent agenda included the Hungerford Terrace parking chicane you can pull that off if you would like.

- 4.1 Approval of Draft Minutes 2-19-25
- 4.2 Hungerford Terrace Parking Chicane
- 4.3 No Turn on Red at Shelburne St. and Home Ave

Commissioner Barr made a motion to accept the consent agenda with removing the Hungerford Terrace issue
Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco seconded
Unanimous Approval

ITEM 4.5 – HUNGERFORD TERRACE PARKING CHICANE

City Engineer Jack Keller stated that there was a request from a resident for traffic calming on this street. Putting in a chicane is a solution that is not too expensive and has shown to be effective. This also increases parking on the street for residents. Senior Transportation Planner Philip Peterson stated that driving have parking adjacent. We did meet public engagement. The public feedback was positive.

Commissioner Barr stated that chicanes had been installed on Chase Street and they do work. I am in support of this.

Commissioner O’Neill-Vivanco stated this was an informal bike corridor and appreciates the traffic calming. She is concerned about the clearance of the driveways for the rubbish trucks. She also had a concern for parking when visitors go where they cars park. Commissioner O’Neill Vivanco also had questions about when this was going to roll out.

Information Officer Rob Goulding stated that he had a good working relationship with the UVM Life Office and he will speak with their office and ask if they could help with getting this information out to the students.

Commissioner Davis inquired about the speed component.

City Transportation Engineer Julia Ursaki stated that the speed limit is 24 mph. We installed this on Buell Street to reduce speed on a low volume street. This is a less low cost solution.

Commissioner Davis stated that he was an advocate for the chicanes for the pedestrian crash but Hungerford had only one crash.

City Engineer Julia Ursaki stated that the crashes on Hungerford Terrace are mostly property damage and there has been only one pedestrian crash.

Commissioner Fox supports this. It is inexpensive, nimble and can be changed back.

Commissioner Barr made a motion to accept staff’s recommendation

Commissioner O’Neill-Vivanco seconded

Unanimous approval

ITEM 5 – BATTERY STREET PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL

The Project Advisory Committee and Project Team recommend a two way separated bike lanes along the west side of Battery Street as the preferred alternative. This will include lane reconfiguration that reduces the number of lanes, shortens the pedestrian crossings, traffic signal improvements and space for additional Great Streets designs elements like green storm water infrastructure, trees, benches and public art.

The purpose of this is to improve corridor and intersection safety for all users.
Enhance comfort and accessibility for pedestrians along Battery Street
Provide end-to-end bicycle facilities and connections
Integrate street ecology into Battery Street’s overall design
Provide acceptable mobility for all modes of transportation along Battery Street

Transportation Engineer Julia Ursaki stated that this item would be going before City Council for approval on April 14th.

Commissioner O’Neill-Vivanco has questions about signaling for the cyclist to cross from west side of Battery. Engineer Ursaki stated that there will be a box for bikes coming southbound to que up.

Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco asked if there was any plans to advocate for bike parking at the businesses on Battery Street. Engineer Ursaki stated they will add this to the list. Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco asked about the maintenance and was informed that the two lanes will make it easier to plow.

Commissioner Davis stated that Alternative 2 is great the turns and interaction which will help people know what to expect. Is there a scoping study on construction effects on people traveling on Battery Street.

Commissioner Fox is excited about the project. She did inquire about signage and bike parking.

Commissioner Bar made a motion to approve
Commissioner O'Neil-Vivanco seconded
Unanimous approval

ITEM 6 – 2025 PAVING UPDATE

Associate Engineer Caleb Manna stated that there was extra money left over from last year's contract and we will be paving the Beltline from Manhattan Drive just before the North Avenue exit.

The paving contract went out to bid and SD Ireland won the bid as they were in line with previous year's budget. I have included that areas of paving that we will be doing this year. The sidewalks are in bad shape and when we do a sidewalk we will fix the ADA crossing to become compliant.

Commissioner Fox asked of the managing contractor will communicate as much in advance as possible.

Senior Engineer Cory Mims stated that SD Ireland is managing the Main Street and Pearl Street and will also include this.

Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco asked if there has been contact with the Burlington School District

Senior Transportation Planner Philip Peterson stated there is a bi weekly with the Burlington School District.

Commissioner Davis about speed tables. Senior Transportation Planner Philip Peterson stated that funding for calming is out of the transportation budget. Senior Engineer Mims stated that funding for both points is in the contact.

ITEM 7 – DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 2025 TMD Capital bond requests all passed on Town Meeting Day
- Battery Street Corridor study preferred alternative has made good progress and has a proposed preferred alternative to improve the safety and accessibility for all users.
- FY'26 Budget and the future of municipal recycling collections. We will come to the commission in April to discuss strategies to close the gap. This will likely include how recycling will be collected in the Queen City.
- Traffic Calming advancing a permanent traffic calming installations on Ethan Allen Parkway and Archibald Street.

- Route 127 improvements DPW installed 2 radar speed feedback signs on the high speed portion of 127. We are reviewing the crash reports along with the history of prior fatalities. We will be exploring potential automated traffic enforcement.

ITEM 8 - COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Davis stated the Pine Street cutoff communication is awesome. The Champlain Parkway right turn green arrow signal does exist works. Someone south on Parkway Briggs Street went in drainage cut off area. Appreciate the thought that went into Home Avenue and Home Avenue.

Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco inquired about the drainage fixed at Summit Ridge before paving. She also asked about the South Union by Edmunds signal coming soon. Director Spencer state he will check in for an installation time

Commissioner Barr asked if the sweeper broke as it left dirt in th bike lane along Colchester Avenue by Nash Place.

Commissioner Fox inquired if Clean Sweep was going to happen this year. Information Officer Rob Goulding stated that there is a meeting coming up to plan for it.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING MARCH 19, 2025

Commissioner Barr made a motion to adjourn
Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco seconded.
Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.