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**CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY &
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Councilor Mark Barlow, Chair, *North District*
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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday, February 19, 2026 – 12:00 PM
DRAFT MINUTES

See video for full meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dz4hCFdw1s>

Councilors absent: Councilor McKnight

Councilors present: Chair Barlow, Councilor Bergman & Councilor Broderick (via Zoom)

Chair Barlow calls the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt the agenda as posted.

Councilor Broderick seconds.

All in favor, Unanimous approval

2. Minutes of 1/27/26

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt the 1/27/26 minutes.

Councilor Broderick seconds.

All in favor, Unanimous approval

3. Public Forum

Dan Smith – CEO of YMCA – spoke of parking concerns.

Libby Moss (via Zoom) – Senior at UVM – spoke of composting concerns.

4. Deliberative Agenda

4.1 Winooski River Bridge Options & Easements

Laura Wheelock, City Engineer/Division Director Technical Services & Madeline Suender, Technical Services Associate Engineer presented information.

Councilor Bergman asked to have thoughts about flooding during construction, **Chair Barlow** asked if offers came from VTRANS or City of Burlington?

AI generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: The meeting discussed the Winooski River Bridge project, focusing on right-of-way procurement and property easements needed for construction. The discussion detailed property acquisitions needed in Burlington, particularly

around Mill Street and the Chase Mill building, with careful consideration given to preserving parking spaces. The team plans to seek necessity findings from the City Council on April 13th to advance condemnation proceedings, while still allowing time for property owner negotiations and compensation determinations. The project is in a critical phase with a September 2026 deadline to secure \$25 million in federal funding, requiring both temporary and permanent construction easements.

4.2 FY 27 UPWP Public Hearing & Application Approval

Phillip Peterson Senior Transportation Engineer presented information.

Councilor Bergman asked what ATR (Automatic Traffic Requests) request is? How did you come up with listing? **Chair Barlow** is pleased to see the Route 127 study is on here.

Public hearing - No one was there to give input to the plan.

All generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: Staff presented projects, including a new road safety audit for Route 127 and ongoing transportation planning efforts. The committee approved the proposed projects unanimously.

Councilor Bergman made the motion to support the application as presented to the committee.

Councilor Broderick seconded.

All in favor, Unanimous approval

4.3 Wastewater Flow Meter Contract Status

Ashley Walenty, Water Resources Engineer presented information.

Chair Barlow asked if there would be location changes? **Councilor Bergman** curious about overarching big picture reflections based on the data that you've gotten in terms of the hydrology of the city as it relates to our desire to put 7,000 more units here do to a major project down here.

All generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: Staff reported on the flow metering contract, explaining how the data is used to calibrate hydraulic models and inform infrastructure planning. The committee discussed the benefits of flow metering for future development projects and infrastructure upgrades.

5. Director's Report

None

6. Councilor Items

Chair Barlow stated there is interest in having GMT back next month to talk about bus access to hospital facilities & Tilley Dr.

7. Next Meetings

March 24, 2026, 5:30 pm at 645 Pine St. & April 28, 2026 at 5:30 pm at 645 Pine St.

8. Adjournment

Chair Barlow adjourns meeting at 1:27 pm.