



City Council - Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 5:30 PM,

Join in Person: Front Conference Room, 645 Pine St. Burlington, VT 05401

Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/84603122855>

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1. Agenda

1.1. Motion to adopt/amend

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Minutes of 2/19/26

3. Public Forum

4. Deliberative Agenda

4.1. GMT Visioning, Budget and Service Update - 40 min

4.2. Industrial Pre Treatment Briefing & Next Steps - 30 min

4.3. Winooski Bridge/COBRI Intersection condemnation process - 10 min - Information

5. Director's Report

6. Councilor Items

7. Next Meeting

7.1. Tentative - 4/28/26, 5:30PM

8. Agenda

9. Adjournment



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Councilor Mark Barlow, Chair, *North District*
Councilor Gene Bergman, *Ward 2*
Councilor Becca McKnight, *Ward 6*
Councilor Marek Broderick, *Ward 8*

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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?

All 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.

AI 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.

AI 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

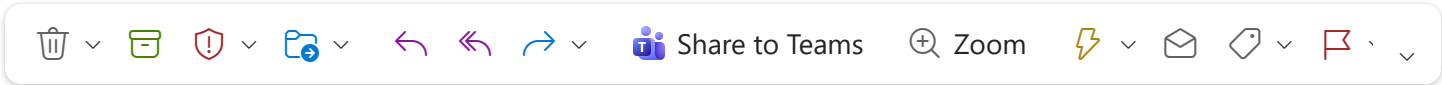
Chair Barlow stated there is interest in having GMT back next month to talk about bus access to hospital facilities & Tilley Dr.

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.



Update from GMT - March 20, 2026

CC

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To: Gene Bergman; Marek Broderick; Mark Barlow; +62 others

Fri 3/20/2026 3:17 PM

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[WARNING]: This email was sent from someone outside of the City of Burlington.

Hello Member Municipal Managers and Legislators in our Urban Service Area,

Here is an update from GMT.

But first, a very big THANK YOU to our municipal partners who participated in GMT's visioning efforts. We held three focus sessions with super thoughtful input that will help guide our new, urban-focused vision, mission, and values!

Federal Surface Transportation Bill - GMT's Biggest Financial Liability

As many of you know, approximately two-thirds of GMT's funding comes from the federal government. As we debate state and municipal support for public transit, the reality is that what happens in Washington DC is likely to be far more impactful to our bottom line.

I attended a New England Public Transportation Association (NEPTA) meeting this week which included an update on recent Congressional activity. The most important federal legislation for public transit is the multiyear surface transportation bill, with the current one expiring on September 30, 2026.

NEPTA reported that the Trump Administration has yet to provide guidance on the new bill, but early indications suggest significant decreases across all provider types will be proposed. NEPTA indicated that Congress is waiting for the Administration to provide guidance; consequently, they haven't started the markup process. This suggests they are significantly behind schedule and will struggle to complete a new bill before the existing one expires.

NEPTA believes the best case scenario is a 1 year extension of the current funding levels. VTrans consulted with its Congressional watchers who believe the 1 year extension is likely. I am hopeful they are both right!

The worst-case scenario in the short term is the current bill expiring without an extension or replacement. Even a temporary delay in federal funding could be very difficult for providers to manage. Long-term, GMT's service levels will depend on the new legislation.

Public Comment for Service Changes

At our meeting this week, the GMT Board of Commissioners authorized GMT to receive public comment on five potential service changes. They are highlighted below.