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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 5:30 PM
--DRAFT MINUTES--

See video for full meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uymws3oxw-k>

Councilors absent: None

Councilors present: Chair Barlow, Councilor Bergman (joined via zoom at 6:45 pm), Councilor Broderick, and Councilor McKnight

Chair Barlow calls the meeting to order at 5:33pm?

1. Agenda

Chair Barlow makes recommendation to change the order of the agenda to:

- 4.3 as 4.1 - Champlain Parkway – Post Construction Monitoring
- 4.1 as 4.2 - GMT Updates: Route 1/ Route 11 Downtown Routing
- 4.2 as 4.3 – Unaccepted Streets Briefing

Councilor Broderick moves to adopt the agenda as changed.

Councilor McKnight seconds.

All in favor, Unanimous approval

2. Minutes of 4/28/26

Councilor Broderick moves to adopt the minutes.

Councilor McKnight seconds.

All in favor, Unanimous approval

3. Public Forum

Cara Simone – Ward 6 – Talked about concerns about unaccepted streets – lives on Chittenden Dr.

4. Deliberative Agenda

4.1 Champlain Parkway – Post Construction Monitoring
Corey Mims, Senior Public Works Engineer presented information.

Councilor McKnight asked about tracking accidents while getting used to the new road.

Chair Barlow asked questions about current data collections – have you been monitoring the intersection at Maple St & Pine St?

AI generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: Corey Mims from Public Works presented the Champlain Parkway monitoring plan, which includes traffic counts at specific intersections, signal operations monitoring using MileVision technology, and incident reporting for two years post-construction.

4.2 GMT Updates: Route 1/Route 11 Downtown Routing.

Clayton Clark, General Manager of GMT & Chris Damiani, Director of Planning at GMT provided information.

Councilor Broderick asked if GMT had been to the other areas for updates? Would there be consideration of studying what it would take to extend a route to Tilley Dr? **Chair Barlow** asked if the federal funding approves like it might when would we have to make decisions about local & state match? Will it be the hospital or a GMT function to do the study for Tilley Dr?

AI generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: GMT discussed funding updates, noting that while some members may contribute additional funding, most areas are feeling stretched financially. He explained that if the federal funding bill passes this year, local fiscal year 28 assessments would need to be sent out in November. Clay provided an update on funding, noting positive developments with the State T bill and potential increased federal funding through stick factors, though additional state and local match funds would still be needed to address a \$3 million funding gap. Chris then presented updates on bi-directional travel implementation on routes 1 and 11 in Burlington, scheduled for June 29th, which will include two new stops and improved service spacing along Main Street. He noted that any new service expansion would require financial clarity, likely in the fall, before considering implementation. Clarifying that GMT could only provide recommendations using their fixed route transit due to labor contract restrictions.

4.3 Unaccepted Streets Briefing

Philip Peterson, Senior Transportation Engineer, Calvin Wuthrich, Associate Public Works Engineer & Laura Wheelock Assistant Director of Technical Services & City Engineer presented information.

Councilor McKnight suggested starting with streets the city plans to accept to build trust and momentum in the process. Feels there should be a call for submission for public documents.

Councilor Broderick curious how you would subdivide the different phases? How is it measured to get it up to standards? **Chair Barlow** asked if the process will be shared before a recommendation is made? Outsource research?

Public comment - **Cara Simone** made a comment about costs being absorbed over time.

AI generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: DPW presented an overview of the unaccepted streets project, highlighting ongoing legal reviews and plans for a deep dive into land ownership records. Calvin Wuthrich discussed the development of a grading system for surface conditions and a draft phasing framework to assess streets based on infrastructure

acceptance risk. The team plans to continue land records and legal reviews, coordinate with other utilities, and produce a phased list of streets by August. The legal complexities of accepting streets were emphasized, with challenges in determining ownership and the necessary research required for condemnation processes.

5. Director's Report

Director Spencer spoke about:

- Finishing up Spring NPA tour
- Champlain Parkways Special Events
- Main St Special Events – June 3rd and July 17-18

6. Councilor Items

Councilor Broderick & Councilor McKnight– South Willard St & College St – finally have pedestrian lights – thank you all for your work. **Chair Barlow** talked about meeting with **Councilor Bergman** about planning future meetings for project updates for Burlington Electric & Department of Permitting & Inspections and other meetings about Passive Home & Building Code Standards, Efficiency Utilities, Airport & others.

7. Next Meeting

June 23, 2026, 5:30 pm at 645 Pine St.

8. Adjournment

Chair Barlow adjourns meeting at 6:59 pm.