

Wards 1 & 8 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)
UVM Medical Center's McClure Lobby Conference Room
October 9, 2019

6:45 Refreshments & Open House

This is a time to meet and talk with neighbors.

AGENDA

Facilitator: Cindy Cook Recorder: Phet Keomanvanh, CEDO & Carol Livingston, NPA

7:00 Introductions and NPA Business

Solicit questions for UVM President visit in November; Use of NPA funds

7:10 Speak-out

An opportunity to make announcements and to raise issues that affect our community.

7:25 Tony Redington - Champlain Parkway announcement

Advocacy for a safer, cheaper, cleaner roadway with separate bike and pedestrian paths

7:35 Jeff Glassberg - City/Brookfield Liaison

Update and discussion of status of City Place

7:55 Dan Daniel - Burlington Tenants Union

Introduction and upcoming Tenant Summit announcement

8:05 City Councilors' Updates - Sharon Bushor, Jack Hanson, Adam Roof

8:20 John Vickery, City Assessor

City-wide Reappraisal project

8:30 Chapin Spencer - DPW

Update on Sidewalk projects

8:50 Lisa Kingsbury - UVM

Enrollment and Housing statistics; Salt shed permitting

9:00 Adjourn

Parking in the lot across from the McClure entrance is free. The City will provide free child care, if it is requested in advance of the meeting.

Survey – Preparation for President Garimella's November attendance at the NPA

NPAers: We are gathering thoughts to pass on to the President so he can address the things we think are most important. - Please consider this a 'smorgasbord' – answer as many or as few as you wish, or write in whatever is on your mind. Please provide details rather than simply answering "Yes".

Return this tonight or call/send to any Steering Committee member.

1) Can you describe situations where UVM's communication with the community has been successful? Unsuccessful? Any suggestions for improvements?

2) Are there ways you've observed the University acting as a good citizen? Are there ways you'd like it to act differently?

3) Are there any college towns you are aware of that have programs that have been successful for town/gown relations, which might be good for Burlington/UVM?

4) Is UVM appropriately including the community in its decision-making, related to issues relevant to the community?

5) Any experience, questions or comments about how conflicts between UVM and the community are handled? What has worked? What hasn't worked?

6) Do you have any experience, concerns, questions, or suggestions about UVM's policies and actions regarding town/gown issues, such as...alcohol, housing, parking, noise, other town/gown issues

7) Is there any information or data that you think the NPA should obtain/request that would help the NPA understand UVM-related issues?

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes



NPA:
(choose one)

Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly : __10__ / __09__ / __19__

Start Time: (Commence): 7PM _____

Location: _____McLure Conference Room_____

Finish Time: (Adjourn): _____9:10_____

Note taker: _____Kelt Wilska_____

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Cindy Cook, Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Carol Livingston, Caryn Long, Linda Rizvi, Olivia Pena

Discussion Topics

- Introductions and NPA Business
- Speak Out
- Champlain Parkway Announcement
- Update and Discussion of Status of City Place
- Burlington Tenants Union
- City Councilors' Updates
- City-wide Reappraisal Project
- Update on Sidewalk Projects
- UVM Enrollment and Housing Statistics; Salt Shed Permitting

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- N/A

Agenda Items and Actions:

Speak Out

- Urge the reconstitution of neighborhood parking committee. Lack of it has been seen
- On 10/23 City Council voted to renew 2009 memorandum of understanding, what is it?
- The city is a total mess. Serious problems including homeless people. Trying to found a new Burlington college/VICII (international involvement) think tank
- 20 Allen Street. Have had two discussions so far
- 10/13 party at Schmanska park was fantastic. Barn needs some more money, we need your support!
- Hannah King, Ward 8 resident, running for steering committee
- Shout out to Tony Redington
- Justice for All has a big initiative underway for Change Vermont's agenda. Game On, where you can bring out your boardgames, 1st congregational church. Film viewings upcoming. JFA birthday party 10/19
- Thank you to everyone for coming to the Schmanska park party. Over 100 people in attendance. Contact Cindy White about barn building
- How does everyone feel about police visit at last NPA meeting re: cutting down on enforcements? Need to get a message out about speeding enforcement

Tony Reddington/Champlain Parkway

- Main Street to S. Burlington border
- Made comments at last parkway hearing in 2006
- New folder from the federal highway administration
- Winooski is not a roundabout. It is a traffic circle. Burlington getting its first roundabout in a couple years

- Anyone who wants to comment on the parkway can do so now for first time since 2006
- High minority population in King and Pine. Proposed parkway goes through the highest concentration low income neighborhoods
- Second lane in roundabouts for bicycles is possible
- Not a single inch of new sidewalk in this project
- Disconnects the south end from Hannaford
- Hope to stop it and start with a blank slate
- Contact [safestreetsburlington.com/pine street coalition](http://safestreetsburlington.com/pine-street-coalition)

Jeff Glassberg/ City Place lawyer for the City of Burlington

- Development has unfolded differently than expected
- Progress has stopped
- The project that was permitted is not going to be constructed. What comes next? Hard to know. Many steps still to unfold. Will there be a proposal from BTC Mall Associates? Yes, I expect so. Can't assure you, but that appears to be where it's going
- Part of the challenge and delay is a changing cast of characters and lack of agreement among owners of BTC
- Issues still being worked out, outside of city's control
- City's typical role is that of a regulator. Streets and sidewalks are to be paid for with TIF funds, city will acquire certain pieces of land, including St. Paul and Pine, part of Great Streets Initiative.
- This developer has not continued construction. The funds that have been expended at this point have been primarily the developer's funds. City expenditures have been engineering and design costs. In terms of dollars expended, dollars associated with demolition have been developer's
- Next steps: we can expect a new proposal would include a new review process. Entire regulatory process would restart. Time-consuming but with opportunity and potential. If there's a new project, it's likely to be smaller in scale and more responsive to this marketplace

Q: What was the ownership of BTC and who is it now?

A: Has not necessarily changed. Made of constituent partners. First partner was Don Sinex. Brought in Rouse Properties. Rouse was subsequently purchased by Brookfield

Q: Brookfield has a history of pushing for oil pipelines in the Amazon. Looking to buy off and privatize public assets. Why would we want to work with them?

A: Can't answer. Owner of the property at this point

Q: Has all of the money that's gone into this project gone to the developer?

A: Explained previously. Contract for city expenditures was 1.1 million dollars. Work was put on hold, so somewhere around 700,000 into that contract

Q: Is someone paying property tax on that property?

A: Property was not removed from taxrolls, cannot give number

Q: Property tax has been reduced by 200,000 dollar. Less is being collected. Property is worth less than when it had a building on it.

Q: We live in a city where people make a decision to live here for a year. Why are they not putting more purchasable units for people who have skin in the game?

A: Can't speak to developer's reasoning. From a regulatory perspective, the use as residential is controlled by city. Tenure of rental is not a regulatory issue. Demand in the market.

Q: Relationship between TIF funds and a scaled-down project. What happens where the scale of the project doesn't match the TIF funds?

A: Correct, less increment. Language that voters approved prioritized how funds would be spent. There would be fewer available blocs completed. Different ways to allocate funds. Might not be two completed blocs, could be opportunities to split that in other ways

Q: How much the city has spent was not available. Obtainable from DPW and CEDO, will try to obtain. If this project gets designed, it's an opportunity to take another look at it. Wanted to create workforce housing. We don't need to pay back TIF if we don't borrow as much as expected.

Q: What do you see as opportunities for public input for project review

A: At a baseline, there will be an opportunity to participate in the regulatory process. One would hope from a PR perspective that they would do so.

Q: Do you anticipate the city renegotiating the project?

AA: Yes, because the agreement to some extent will be moot. Significant amendments or a new sheet of paper.

-The streets that are Pine and St. Paul are now included on the official city map. Affects new proposal in that it stakes out that ground for that purpose.

Q: How will we build those streets if we don't have the TIF funding?

A: The cost of that ground was part of the overall transaction.

Tenants Union

-15-20 core members

-Ramping up

-Picketing known slumlords

-60% of Burlington residents are tenants

-Average 40% of income goes to housing. Unacceptable

-High rent inflation

-City has done very little for low income residents

-Luxury housing is being built while low-income housing is disappearing

-In Vermont 10,000 naturally occurring affordable units have disappeared since 1990

-Bissonet legally evicting Section 8 tenants and other low-income tenants

-Bissonet charging 200\$ for credit checks

-Offering tenant resources including counseling. 2 on 1 just lost state funding. Hoping to develop a central resource base. Solidarity case management. Code enforcement process is incredibly confusing. Interested in pushing forward rent control policies. Want landlords to be licensed. Want Code Enforcement to be doing their job. Want Mayor and City Hall to create a landlord database. Students face high rents from UVM.

-11/3 12-5pm Tenant Summit at Fletcher Free Library. Hope to clarify needs and goals. Housing is a human right. Lunch and childcare provided. Burlingtontenantsunion.com

City Councillors Updates

-Sharon Bushor

- Sponsored a resolution that talked about funds received from selling BT. How we will reinvest them. Door is open, identified a process. 6-7 million dollars.
- Housing policy. Mayor held some housing summits. September meeting was different, tenants came to that meeting and voiced concerns about policy not focusing on their needs. Adopted a resolution for efficiency of housing, revising requirements for parking spaces, regulating short-term housing. CEDO will create a report on tenant protections. Joint meetings on changing ordinances regarding housing topics. Begins next Tuesday. Fletcher Free Library @6PM. Second meeting 10/22 Miller Center, Third date not identified
- Love representing this ward. Planning to seek reelection

-Jack Hanson

- Been working on two items
 1. Energy efficiency in rental units.
 2. Elimination of mandatory parking minimums. Big implications. As we eliminate minimums, need to invest in alternate forms of transportation.

-Adam Roof

- Special committee on policing. Opening in that committee.
- Now that city has done five star review on all properties, putting it into an application where you can search properties and landlords.
- 5 star review is where landlords can pass tests and get a certain amount of years to be reassessed depending on their results
- Met with new UVM president, talked about housing and quality of life. Positive, another meeting next week
- Another application about voting, knowing where to vote in Burlington. Voter education
- Bringing forward a contemplation on whether Burlington should afford those with non-citizen status the ability to vote on local matters.

Q: Can you speak about whether the memorandum of understanding is public?

A: Thank you for reminding. It is public. It is not a renewal, it is an extension. Intention is to engage in negotiations as president gets his bearings

Q: Housing research on excel spreadsheets is very helpful

A: We'll provide those

John Vickery/City Assessor

-Been 14 years since we did last city evaluation

-In process of complying with mandate to reevaluate

-Switching over to new system

-2-year reevaluation

-New tax bills will be July 2021

-Hired Tyler Technologies, people in the office and out in the field. Appraisers are all certified and trained.

Will try to notify about inspections

-Take a look at our website

Q: Reassessment is required to be revenue neutral, correct?

A: For municipal tax rate

Q: If it's assumed that many properties are under-assessed, would tax rate go down?

AA: That's correct.

Q: How does it look like to be a winner/loser in the reevaluation process?

A: "Losers" have been benefitting in last few years. Want assessments to reflect market. There will be folks who will also be paying less in taxes. Opportunity to visit the Tyler team and ask questions.

Q: Sector shift from commercial to residential to commercial. Residential ended up paying more. Will shifting occur this time around, and will the 08 devaluation affect it?

A: 2005 shift was not as large as last one. Don't think we're going to see that kind of dramatic shifting. Hope it will go smoothly

Q: When would I expect an appraiser to come? When will appraisal period end? When could owners petition for another value?

A: Fewer personnel but much more highly trained appraisers. Will request inspections of properties that have had some changes. Bit more targeted in that way. Over the next year or so. Informal hearings will be in January 2021.

-We will do our best to talk to everyone who stops by

DPW/Chapin Spencer/Laura Wheelock

-Circulating information on Champlain Parkway

-Exceeded 3 mile benchmark of sidewalk reconstruction

-Installed over 12 crosswalks

-Multiple significant sections of sidewalk being replaced

-City council approved an additional ~\$500,000 for sidewalk improvement

- Barrier Score paired with Activity Score= Priority Score
 - Money goes into safety improvements, remainder focused on long runs for a sustainable future, block by block replacements
 - Alternative repair speaks to sidewalk cutting program
 - What informs our work plan? Infrastructure plan, walk/bike plan. Respond to public input and address accordingly. Trying to prioritize safety fixes ahead of long runs
 - Next steps: finish work plan, finalize 2020 work plan, including additional funding allocation, continue planning for next citywide sidewalk assessment
 - Use other funding sources: CCRPC, VTRANS, UDOT
 - Ward 1 projects
 - Replace sidewalk from S Prospect to East Ave to better accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. In final contract phases
 - Getting Mansfield sidepath up and running
 - Traffic calming, with public outreach. Consultant working on alternatives, meeting upcoming in November. Hoping to finalize design by spring and get to construction by fall
 - Feel free to reach out to DPW
- Q: What's the prognosis for E Avenue traffic calming?
- A: It's on the list, 3rd or 4th. Meeting this winter to be responsive. Will keep you posted.
- Q: How do we make it a safe street?
- A: Looking at whether there are quickbuild options. Doing behind the scenes work to get this project moving forward
- Q: Sidewalk on East avenue, no sidewalk on west side of East avenue. Will there be?
- A: Currently not in the grant area. Could be put under repairs.
- Q: How will you do outreach on Mansfield Ave?
- A: Need to finalize concepts. Will have as many public meetings as possible. Will work with design consultants to narrow down alternatives
- Q: How exactly will you reach out?
- A: Will follow DPW communication plan. Can't speak specifically. But there will be flyers
- Q: University Heights Center intersection. Heavily trafficked and unsafe
- A: DPW commenced a study to review intersection design. Meeting with consultants next week to review data. Maybe will change signal timing. Peak hour there are as many students as there are cars. Will need to pursue funding for implementations
- Q: Why do we do traffic calming on Mansfield.
- A: Neighborhood submitted a traffic calming request in 2015
- Q: Already put up a stop sign. What am I missing?
- A: Neighbors can update request, there will be a public meeting
- Q: disappointed that we haven't heard from DPW about sidewalk safety report.

Lisa Kingsbury

- Salt sheds behind Centennial Field
- Physical plant has a maintenance area behind centennial field. Lots of materials stored there, including salt. Currently one salt shed. Does not hold enough to get us through winter. Need another shed.
- Hoping to install two additional salt sheds
- Associated projects: hoping to replace two dilapidated sheds in similar area. Brine tanks.
- Salt trucks are 250ton tandem dumptrucks. That will stay the same. Will not increase truck traffic, maybe a slight increase towards end of winter
- Delivery hours during physical plant working hours 7am-3:30pm generally. Exceptions for emergencies
- Housing at UVM
- Had consultant on housing a few weeks ago, will bring info to NPA when ready
- Slight uptake in undergraduates by 100

- Current five-year projection is to remain stable. Hope to maintain that stability. 10,535 undergraduates. 1600 graduate, 475 medical. 6,411 beds on campus
- Housing capacity has gone up with enrollment.
- Housing cost info available on res life website
- Cost per year, most expensive is a private single: 10,600 dollars per year. Least expensive is quad: 5,700. 9 month years

- Most common room type is a double

Q: What's going into establishing those costs?

A: Monthly cost is close to market rate. Not totally apples to apples though.

Q: Could we have a list to make a comparison?

A: Yes

Q: How many beds are currently filled?

A: 5,800 filled. Occupancy rate is over 100%

Q: Why are we still losing homes if more students are being housed?



NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly: 10-9-19

Location: UVM Medical Ctr

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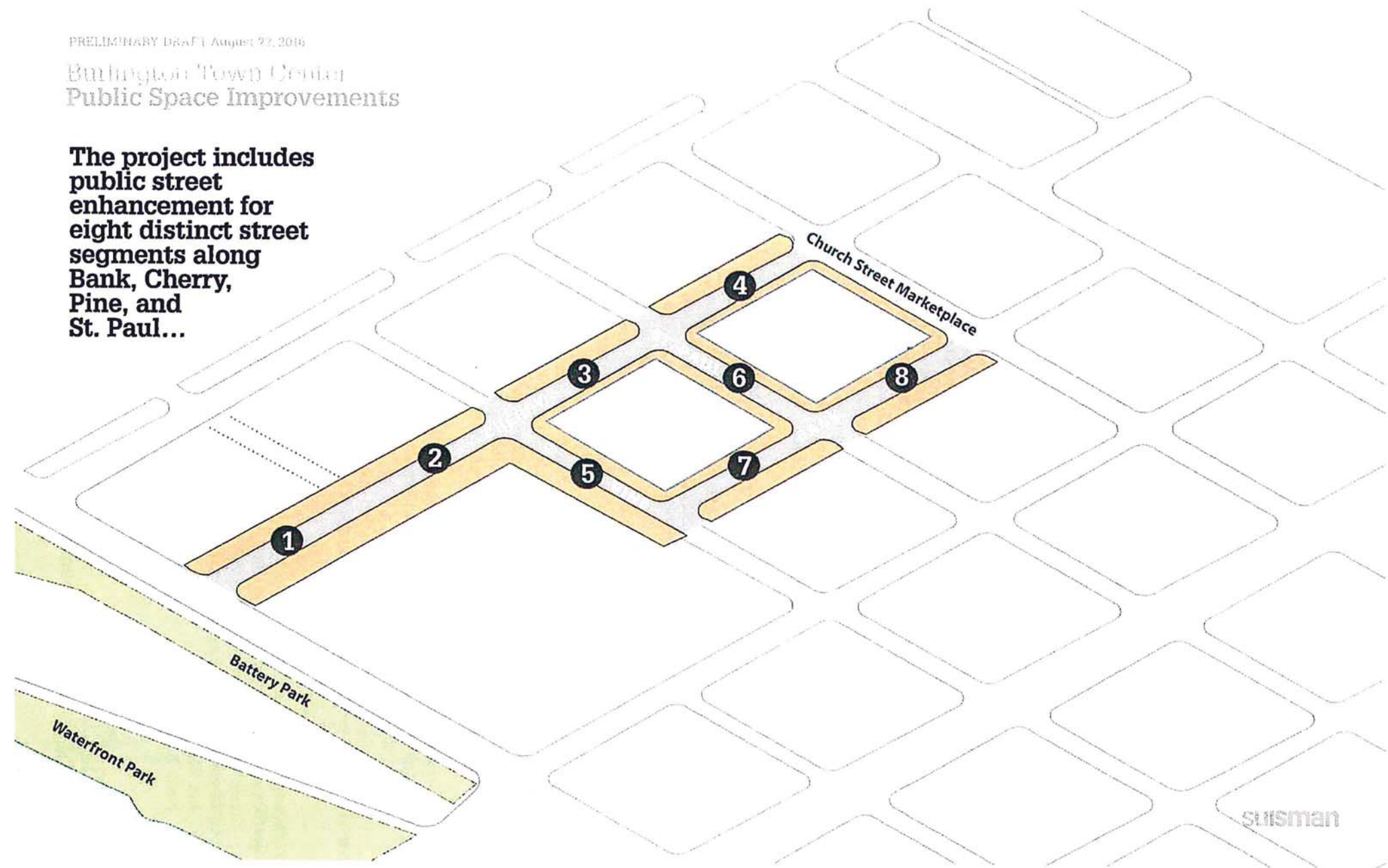
or email to pkeomanyvanh@burlingtonvt.gov

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| 1 Carol Livingston (ward 1) | 20 Aileen May |
| 2 Jonathan Chappiz-Soto (1) | 21 Jack Fannon |
| 3 Angie Chappiz-Soto (1) | 22 Sally Short |
| 4 Sharon Bushor | 23 Charles Littleman |
| 5 Fletcher Pratt 1 | 24 Martha Key |
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| 8 Jason Stuffle Ward 1 | 27 Adam Ranc |
| 9 David Cawley ward 1 | 28 Lisa Kinsbury |
| 10 Tom Dorchard (1) | 29 Brian Sargent |
| 11 Richard Hildard | 30 Glenn McLean |
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| 20 Haylie Hetherston | 40 |

PRELIMINARY DRAFT August 22, 2016

Burlington Town Center Public Space Improvements

**The project includes
public street
enhancement for
eight distinct street
segments along
Bank, Cherry,
Pine, and
St. Paul...**





Wards 1 & 8: Sidewalk & Pedestrian Safety Planning



AN APPROACH TO MORE SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

- 130 miles of sidewalks
- 16 % of network in serious to failed condition, per 2014 inventory
- Average lifespan of sidewalk is 40 years

CAPITAL REINVESTMENT	Past Annual Investment	2017 Final	2018 Final	2019 Projection
Sidewalk Reconstruction	~ 1 mile	3 miles	2.86 miles	3.1+ miles

- 1,000+ segments of sidewalk cut under preventative maintenance contracts since 2016

FINAL DRAFT – FOR DISCUSSION

An Infrastructure Plan for a Sustainable City Stewarding & Strengthening Burlington's Foundation for Future Generations



Updated September 9, 2016

2019 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Nearly 1 dozen crosswalks installed or still planned for 2019

Accessibility enhancements (e.g., curb ramps, safety repairs)
adjacent to most newly paved streets

CY 2019 Ward 1 & 8 Sidewalk work includes segments:

Grove St
North St
Pomeroy St
South Union

Pedestrian improvements at the Barrett/Colchester intersection

Additional \$568k made available by Administration & Council

Added Citywide Segments on Work Plan include:

Rose St	Colchester Ave
Charity St	Randy Ln
Blondin Cir	Institute Ave



Image of new Colchester Ave sidewalk, 2019

SIDEWALK PROGRAM WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT

HOW WE RANK:

Barrier Score

Activity Score

Priority Score

TYPES OF PROJECTS:

Safety Hazard Repairs

Long Run Repairs

Localized Repairs

Alternative Repairs

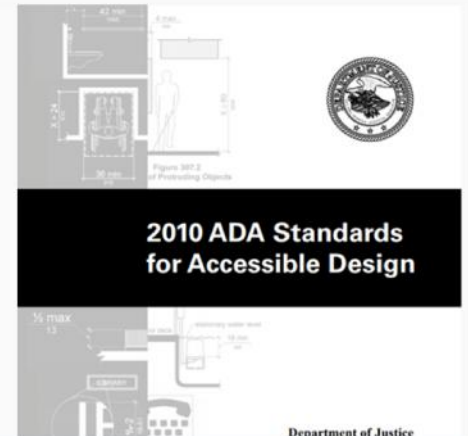
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: WHAT INFORMS OUR WORK

- **City Plans**
 - Studies
 - Technical Data
- **Residents**
- **Federal & State Policy**
- **Intergovernmental Coordination**
- **Private Development**
- **Available Funding**

*An Infrastructure Plan for a Sustainable City
Stewarding & Strengthening Burlington's Foundation
for Future Generations*

SeeClickFix

Updated September 9, 2016



Walk Bike
plan **BTV**

NEXT STEPS FOR SIDEWALK WORK

1. Finish CY 2019 work, including additions
2. Finalize CY 2020 workplan, including additional funding allocation
3. Continue planning for next citywide sidewalk assessment



Image of new Colchester Ave sidewalk, 2019

Upcoming
Wards 1 & 8
Pedestrian
Improvement Projects

COORDINATION AND FUNDING

CCRPC

- Apply and receive funding annually
- Scoping studies
- Funding informs/complements projects

VTrans

- Regularly apply for funding
- Increasingly limited funding available
- Often includes USDOT funds -- involves environmental permitting, rounds of review and right-of-way clearance
- More time-consuming, but alleviates local tax burden
- Applied for 4 of the last 5 rounds of funding

USDOT

- Very few programs that are feasible for communities of our size. Federal Earmark funding is no longer available and the TIGER / BUILD program requires a minimum \$1 million local match.

Expands & replaces existing 8-foot wide sidewalk with new 10-foot wide multi-use path from South Prospect St. to East Ave.

Anticipated to begin construction Spring 2020



[https://https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Colchester-Avenue-Sidepath](https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Colchester-Avenue-Sidepath)

Colchester Ave Sidepath

Sidepath

- Improve sidewalk condition on east side and widen for sidepath (planBTV Walk-Bike)
- Design progress will be presented at future public meeting

Traffic Calming

- Neighborhood submitted traffic calming request in 2015
- Neighborhood meeting in November
- Neighborhood outreach continues through alternative selection

Timeline (contingent on neighborhood input)

Winter 2019/2020 – Alternatives development and selection

Spring 2020 – Finalize designs

Summer/Fall 2020 – Construction



Mansfield Ave Sidepath + Traffic Calming

Other Upcoming Projects of Note

University Place

University Heights Intersection

Quick Build + RRFB at Chase + Colchester

Quick Build Triangle at Barrett St + Chase

Striping

ADA Improvements on Prospect – CY 2020

FALL LEAF PICK UP

*Helps Protect
the Lake &
Cleans the Streets!*

**Burlington Public
Works is planning
on picking up your
Biodegradable
paper leaf bags
in November from
the 18th ~ 22nd!
Happy Fall to All!**

Provided by the City of Burlington Department
of Public Works for residential housing
throughout Burlington. Curbside pickup is NOT
available for condominiums, apartment
complexes, or commercial properties.

November 18 thru 22, 2019

Curbside at 7:00 AM

Biodegradable paper leaf bags

NO...plastic bags or garbage cans

*NO...brush, pumpkins, rocks, dirt,
or trash*

Leaves and yard debris may be dropped off at the McNeil Wood &
Yard Waste Depot, 111 Intervale Rd. Bagged leaves may also be
dropped off at the CSWD Burlington Drop-Off Center, 339 Pine
Street. Grass clippings, straw, and hay must be bagged separately
for drop-off at McNeil or the DOC.

For drop-off hours and restrictions call 864-7446 (McNeil Depot) /
863-3827 (Burlington DOC) or visit www.cswd.net.

Fall Leaf Pickup

Resources

- **BTV Construction Portal**, including a map and list of all 2019 paving, sidewalk and water projects: burlingtonvt.gov/construction
- **Report non-emergency maintenance requests**: SeeClickFix.com
- **DPW Customer Service**: 802-863-9094
- **Water Resources, including 24/7 urgent support**: 802-863-4501/water-resources@burlingtonvt.gov
- **Sustainable Infrastructure Plan & Construction Season Info**: burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Reinvestment

Questions



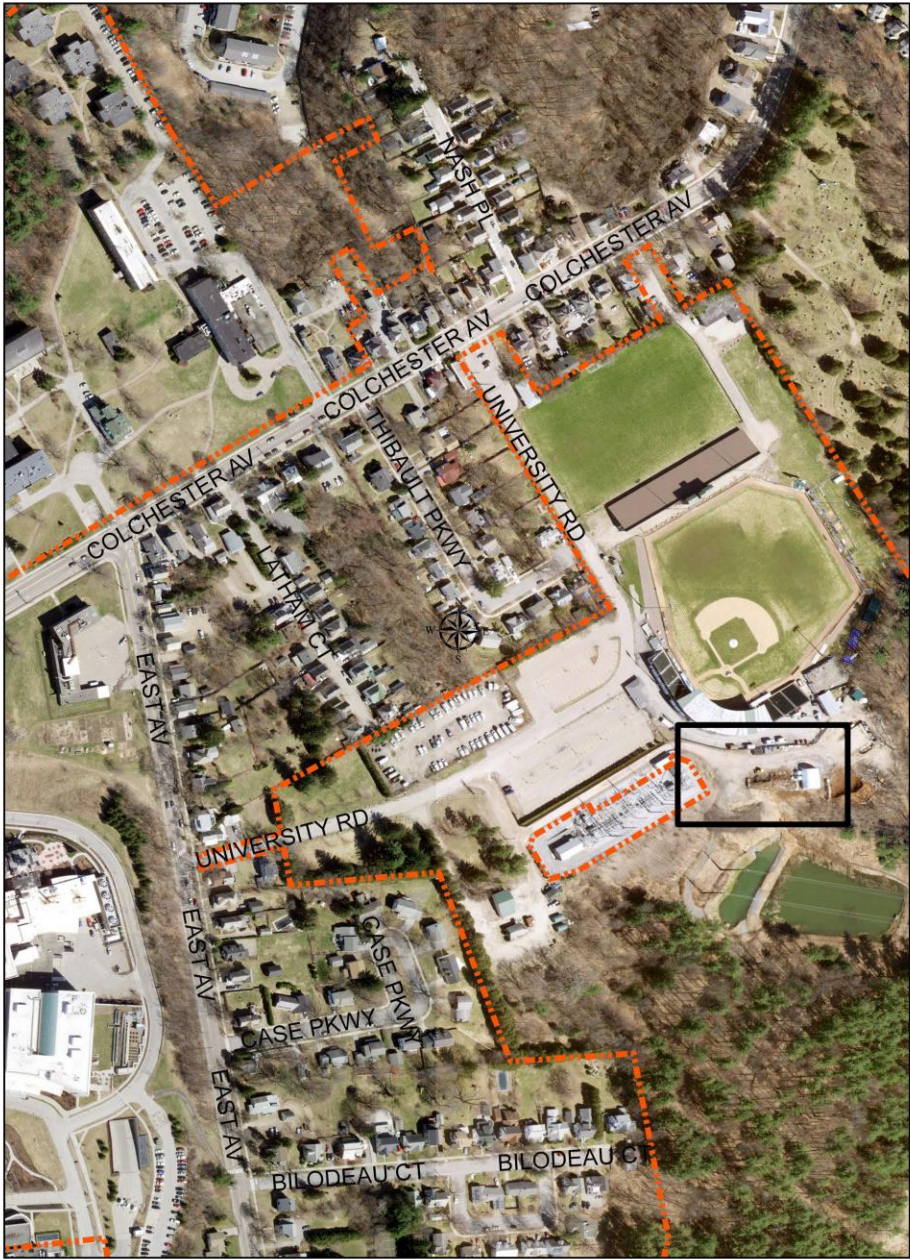
The University of Vermont

UVM Salt Shed Permitting
and
Fall 2019 Enrollment/Housing Statistics

October 9, 2019

Salt Shed Project Location Plan

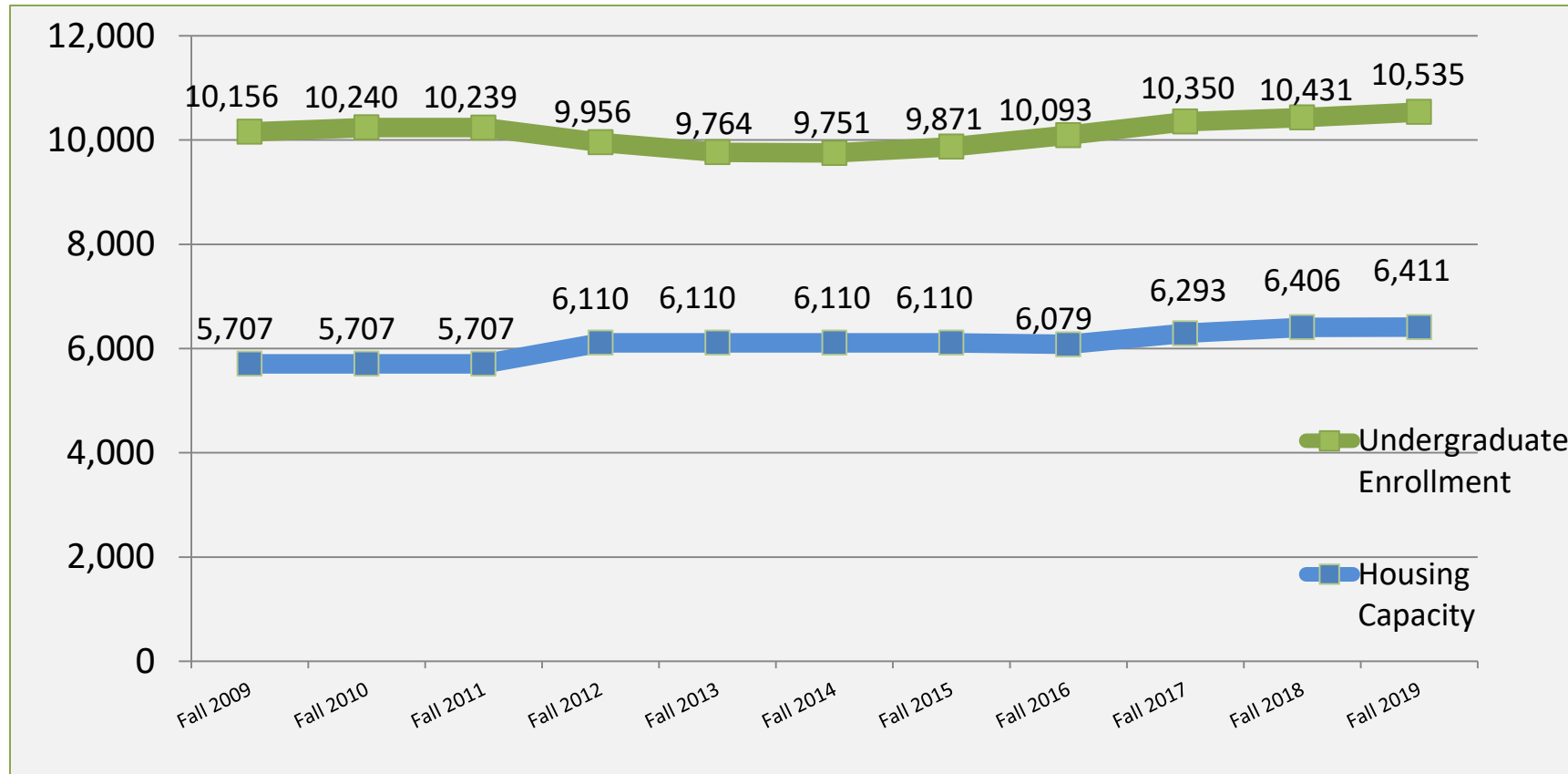
University of Vermont & State Agricultural College
Centennial Field Complex, University Road
Recycling & Maintenance Zone



Site Location Map



UVM/City of Burlington Agreement on Housing Undergraduate Enrollment¹ and Housing Capacity^{2,3} Changes 2009 (Base Year) to Fall 2019 (Projected)



¹Undergraduate Enrollment calculated per the terms of the City Agreement on Housing as follows:
“For the purposes of this agreement, undergraduate students are defined as those who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program for at least 9 credit hours per semester and have not yet earned a baccalaureate degree.”

²Fall 2009 Base housing capacity includes the 163 beds added to McAuley Hall which opened in Fall 2009.

³108 beds in Fall 2018 and beyond reflect reconfiguration of existing capacity to be used in order to address increased enrollment



Residential Life – Sample Room Costs

Housing Type	Cost Per Year	Cost Per Month (9 month analysis)	Cost Per Month (12 month analysis)*
Private Single (1 person with full bath)	\$10,624	\$1,180.44	\$885.33
Suite Single (4-7 people sharing 1-2 full baths)	\$10,194	\$1,132.66	\$849.50
Traditional Double (2 people, common hallway bath)	\$8,502	\$944.66	\$708.50
Traditional Triple (3 people, common hallway bath)	\$6,732	\$748	\$561
Quad (4 people, common hallway bath)	\$5,700	\$633.33	\$475

Most
Common



*Students live in Residential Life housing for 9 months per academic year. 12 month analysis provided to compare cost with off-campus housing where students typically enter 12 month leases.

Champlain Parkway: Stop! Evaluate! Imagine!

❖ **Tony Redington**

❖ **Pine Street Coalition**

- ❖ **Grassroots group of over 200 South End and area residents committed to stopping the obsolete, dangerous, harmful Champlain \$47 million Parkway design founded on an stale, 2009 environmental statement.**
- ❖ **Pine Street advocate a new community-based Environmental Impact Statement/road design for a quality, safe and environmentally/economically responsible roadway our City can love.**
- ❖ **Do it Right the First Time!—A roadway cheaper, greener, quicker and much safer!**

UNTIL THURSDAY, OCT. 10 YOU CAN COMMENT!!

- ❖ Comments on the Champlain Parkway project will be accepted until Thursday, October 10:
- ❖ Comments on the King/Maple Neighborhood are particularly sought.

Comments may be emailed to: **Burl-Comments@Vermont.gov**

or mailed to:

Mr. Kenneth Sikora, Jr.

Environmental Program Manager

Federal Highway Administration

87 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05602

First time public comment opportunity since final public hearing in 2006 on the Federal Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement at City Hall

KING/MAPLE NEIGHBORHOOD

- ❖ The King/Maple Neighborhood has the second highest low/moderate income and minority population in the City—over 80% and about a third have not access to a car
- ❖ The Outreach Meeting on environmental justice informed us this area is disproportionately impacted by the Parkway—traffic and trucks are reduced for the area below Flynn Avenue while traffic increases on Pine Street at the heart of this neighborhood by 29-37%. New Federal rules since this project was finalized in 2009 say such unfair impacts must be addressed!



Global Warming

- ❖ 1. The 2009 environmental document, not one paragraph discussion of either global warming and the BTV Climate Action Plan or safety.
- ❖ 2. Six new signals average about 3,000 excess gallons of gasoline yearly consumption and associated global warming and other pollutants per intersection compared to a roundabout.



600 foot diameter Traffic Circle
200 foot diameter Modern Roundabout inside—Kingston, NY 1999



Burlington Streets Safety

- ❖ Burlington averages 150 road injuries a year, about 50 bike/pedestrian in about equal numbers, 100 vehicle occupant injuries
- ❖ 1,500 per decade injuries means about a quarter of households are impacted—about 3 fatalities a decade. Since 1998 three pedestrians, three car occupants and one cyclist killed on Burlington Streets—all at intersections and all but one intersection signalized
- ❖ Roundabouts cut serious/fatal injuries about 90%



NO SAFE SIDEWALK, NO SEPARATE/ SAFE BIKWAY

- ❖ **1. NOT A SINGLE INCH OF SIDEWALK ON THE PARKWAY ROUTE**
- ❖ **2. NOT A SINGLE INCH OF CYCLE TRACK OR BIKEWAY ON THE PARKWAY ROUTE**
- ❖ **3. REMOVAL ON PINE ST WESTSIDE SIDEWALK LAKESIDE TO CURTIS LUMBER**



ONE WAY



MEGA TRENDS

- ❖ **EARLY 1990s:**
- ❖ **—FIRST INGREDIENTS FOR SAFE STREETS—TRAFFIC CALMING AND MODERN ROUNDABOUTS—ARRIVE IN U.S. FROM EUROPE 1990s**
- ❖ **—U.S. TIED U.K. WITH BEST HIGHWAY SAFETY 1990**
- ❖ **2010s DECADE:**
- ❖ **—U.S. NOW 18th IN HIGHWAY SAFETY, TWO FROM BOTTOM OF DEVELOPED NATIONS (OECD), 30,000 FATALITIES, IF STILL AT TOP 23,000 LESS HIGHWAY DEATHS PER YEAR**
- ❖ **—CYCLE TRACK—PROTECTED BIKE LANES—BECOME THE RAGE FOR SAFE STREET SEGMENTS ENABLING ALL WHO CAN TO BIKE WITH SAFETY AND COMFORT**





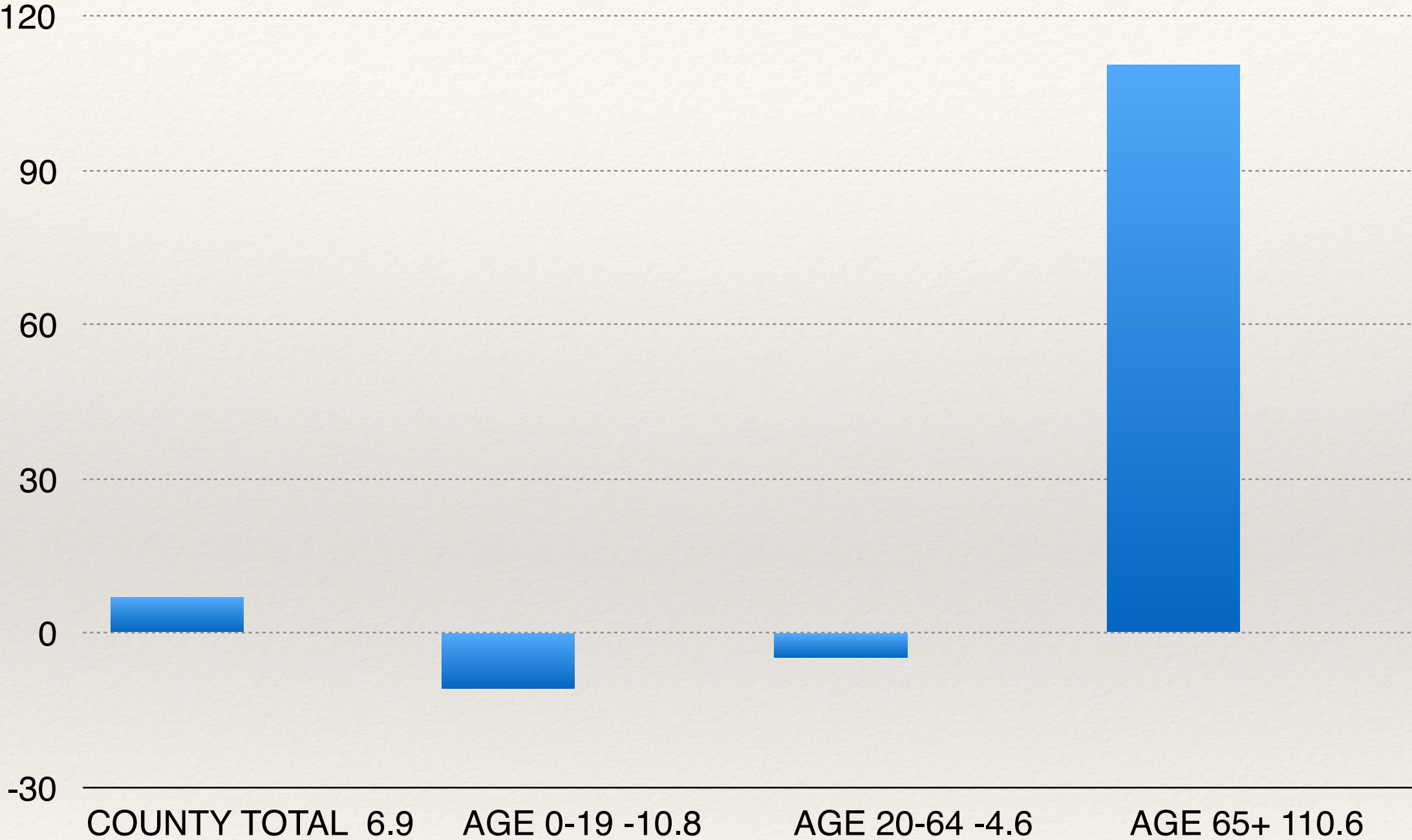
MEGA TRENDS

- ❖ **U.S. PEDESTRIAN DEATHS UP 45% SINCE 2010.**
- ❖ **U.S. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE DEATHS AN INCREASING PROPORTION OF ALL HIGHWAY FATALITIES**
- ❖ **AARP, AAA, GEICO ADOVCATE CONVERSION OF SIGNALS TO ROUNDABOUTS**

MEGA TRENDS

- ❖ **VERMONT**
- ❖ **—VERMONT AND CHITTENDEN COUNTY 2010-2030 WORKING AGE AND 0-19 POPULATION DECLINING, SENIORS DOUBLING TO 24% OF POPULATION**
- ❖ **—BURLINGTON AND VERMONT URBAN CAR TRAFFIC PEAKED ABOUT 1990 AND REMAINS IN SLOW DECLINE**
- ❖ **VERMONT MEDIAN INCOME TODAY OF 2014, \$58,000, \$4,000 LESS THAN A DECADE AGO IN 2004**
- ❖

Chittenden County Age Group Percent Population Change
Projection 2010-2030



TIMES CHANGE—2019 NOT 2006!

- ❖ **PARKWAY PURPOSE 2006:**
- ❖ **—SPEED CARS FROM I 189 TO DOWNTOWN**
- ❖ **—REMOVE TRUCKS FROM RESIDENTIAL STREETS**
- ❖ **EDITORIAL NOTE: SAFETY NOT A MAJOR CONCERN**
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SIX NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS

- ❖ **THE SIX NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS ARE:**
- ❖ **1. PINE/KING**
- ❖ **2. PINE/MAPLE**
- ❖ **3. PARKWAY/LAKESIDE**
- ❖ **4. PARKWAY/SEARS (BETWEEN TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SEARS LANE)**
- ❖ **5. PARKWAY/FLYNN**
- ❖ **6. PARKWAY/HOME**

TIMES CHANGE—2019 NOT 2006!

❖ PARKWAY PURPOSE 2019

- ❖ —SUPPORT LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND FOSTER BUSINESS AND ARTS ECONOMY**
- ❖ —INSTALL SEPARATE, HIGHEST SAFETY TRAVEL WAYS FOR THOSE ON FOOT, BICYCLE OR TRAVELING BY CAR OR TRANSIT**
- ❖ —PRESERVE AND ENHANCE STREET CONNECTIVITY**
- ❖ —REDUCE GASOLINE CONSUMPTION, GLOBAL WARMING GASES AND OTHER POLLUTANTS**
- ❖ —REMOVE TRUCKS FROM RESIDENTIAL STREETS**

SAFE STREETS IN BURLINGTON MATTER

- ❖ **THREE NON-DISEASE FATALITY AND INJURY RISKS DOMINATE IN VERMONT AND BURLINGTON TODAY: OPIATE ADDICTION AND USE, GUN VIOLENCE, AND CAR CRASHES**
- ❖ **BURLINGTON'S SEVEN FATAL CRASHES SINCE 1998: THREE PEDESTRIANS, TWO DRIVERS AND A PASSENGER, AND ONE BICYCLIST**
- ❖ **ALL BUT ONE BURLINGTON FATALS AT TRAFFIC SIGNALS (75 IN BURLINGTON NOW)**
- ❖ **WALK-BIKE MASTER PLAN FOUND 17 INTERSECTIONS 2011-2014 AVERAGING ONE INJURY PER YEAR. THE "DIRTY 17" INCLUDE 2 PARKWAY, PINE/LOCUST AND PINE/LAKESIDE**

CURRENT UNSAFE, OBSOLETE DESIGN

- ❖ **5. SIX NEW SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS INSURE INCREASED TRAFFIC INJURIES (ALL MODES)**
- ❖ **6. TWO HIGH ACCIDENT PINE STREET INTERSECTIONS REMAIN**
- ❖ **6. COMPARED TO ROUNDABOUTS, FOUR PARKWAY SIGNALS INCREASE COMMUTE TRIPS 3.5 MINUTES DAILY (CITY DATA)**
- ❖ **7. ALL SIX SIGNALS INCREASE GAS USE, POLLUTANTS, GLOBAL WARMING GASES BY ABOUT 30% OVER ROUNDABOUTS**

MASSIVE TRAFFIC INCREASE

- ❖ **LAKESIDE FROM PARKWAY TO PINE:
PROJECTED TRAFFIC RISES 3,500 VEHICLES
A DAY, 47% BY 2028**
- ❖ **PINE STREET FROM LAKESIDE TO MAPLE
PROJECTED TRAFFIC INCREASE RISES 4,600
VEHICLES A DAY, 39% BY 2028**

KEY RE-DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- ❖ **SAFE STREETS BURLINGTON AND BURLINGTON WALK BIKE COUNCIL (DECEMBER 2014) RE-DESIGN PRINCIPLES (SIMILAR TO NORTH AVE PLAN)**
- ❖ **1. FULL SEPARATE WALK AND BIKE FACILITIES**
- ❖ **2. ROUNDABOUTS AT INTERSECTIONS—NO SIGNALS**
- ❖ **3. RE-OPEN BOTTOM OF PINE TO QUEEN CITY PARK ROAD AND POINTS SOUTH WITH A ROUNDABOUT**

What is a Roundabout?

It is a type of intersection control, just as signals and stop signs are examples of intersection control.









ROUNDABOUT SAFETY

- ❖ **FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION:**
- ❖ **“COMPARED TO OTHER TYPES OF INTERSECTIONS ...ROUNDABOUTS IMPROVE SAFETY: MORE THAN 90% REDUCTION IN FATALITIES, 76% REDUCTION IN INJURIES, 35% REDUCTION IN CRASHES, SLOWER SPEEDS ARE GENERALLY SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS”**
- ❖

THE ROUNDABOUT— THE INTERSECTION SAFETY BELT

- ❖ **OVER 4,000 U.S./CANADA ROUNDABOUTS BUILT
1990 TO DATE WITH ZERO PEDESTRIAN
FATALITIES**
- ❖ **BURLINGTON'S PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES AT ITS
75 TRAFFIC SIGNALS SINCE 1998—TWO**



VERMONT ROUNDABOUT SAFETY

- ❖ **52 YEARS OF DATA AT 5 VERMONT DOWNTOWN ROUNDABOUTS—ONE MINOR PED INJURY! (DATA 1995 TO LATE 2015—MANCHESTER CENTER (3), MIDDLEBURY, AND MONTPELIER)**
- ❖ **BURLINGTON “DIRTY 17” INTERSECTIONS (13 SIGNALIZED): 61 INJURIES IN FOUR YEARS WITH ONE FATAL (2011-2014)—AVERAGE ONE INJURY PER YEAR PER INTERSECTION**

VERMONT ROUNDABOUT SAFETY

- ❖ **OVERALL THE FIVE DOWNTOWN ROUNDABOUTS RECORDED ONE INJURY A DECADE**
- ❖ **THE FIVE VERMONT DOWNTOWN ROUNDABOUTS RECORDED FOUR NON-SERIOUS VEHICLE OCCUPANT INJURIES IN 52 YEARS OF OPERATION PLUS THE ON PEDESTRIAN CRASH — 0 BICYCLE CRASHES**

VERMONT ROUNDABOUT SAFETY

- ❖ **THE BRATTLEBORO KEENE-TURN ROUNDABOUT—VT'S FIRST 2-LANE ROUNDABOUT—RECORDED A 98% REDUCTION OF INJURY CRASHES (55 IN THE LAST 5 YEARS AS A SIGNAL INCLUDING A FATALITY, AND ONE NON-SERIOUS INJURY IN THE FIRST 5 YEARS AS A ROUNDABOUT (OPENED IN FALL 1999))**

VERMONT ROUNDABOUTS

- ❖ **VERMONT TODAY TOTAL ROUNDABOUTS: 14**
- ❖ **ONE RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC CALMING ROUNDABOUT
STRONG/BLODGETT STREETS**
- ❖ **PRIVATE ROUNDABOUT MAPLE TREE PLACE,
WILLISTON**
- ❖ **BENNINGTON WALMART ENTRANCE ROUNDABOUT
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN APRIL**
- ❖ **FIRST IN CHITTENDEN COUNTY, ON BUSY PUBLIC
STREET: SHELBURNE STREET, SET CONSTRUCTION
2021 (SAFETY PROJECT 100% FEDERAL FUNDS)**



VT ROUNDABOUT CORRIDORS

- ❖ **VERMONT ROUNDABOUT CORRIDORS (3 OR MORE) (ABOUT 60 NATIONWIDE BUILT)**
- ❖ **1-2. MANCHESTER CENTER: ONE BUILT 2012 (3), SECOND IN TOWN PLAN (3)**
- ❖ **3. BRATTLEBORO PUTNEY ROAD: VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION DOING DESIGN NOW (5)**
- ❖ **4. BURLINGTON: NORTH AVENUE PLAN (3)**
- ❖ **5. MONTPELIER: MAIN STREET PLAN (3-4)**

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

- ❖ **1. ROUNDABOUTS FIRST POLICIES:**
- ❖ **NY STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTION (2005), VIRGINIA AND FLORIDA STATE DEPARTMENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALBERTA TRANSPORT MINISTRIES**
- ❖ **2. CYCLE TRACK—LEAD RECOMMENDATION OF CYCLISTS IN 2015 ILLINOIS STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**
- ❖ **3. CHICAGO WITH 100 MILES OF CYCLE TRACK BUILT OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS LEADING U.S. CYCLE TRACK CITY**
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VT ROUNDABOUT LAW

- ❖ **FIRST U.S. STATE LAW ON ROUNDABOUT SAFETY 2002—THEN SENATOR SHUMLIN SPONSOR**
- ❖ **ACT 141, SECTION 37 LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR ROUNDABOUTS** The general assembly finds the installation of roundabouts at dangerous intersections in the state has been cost-efficient, and has enhanced the safe operation of motor vehicles at these locations...



