



Draft Agenda

Ward 5 NPA June 21 2018 City Market Community Room 207 Flynn Ave

6:30pm-8:30pm

Schedule:

6:30 - 6:40 - Open Forum

6:40 - 7:00 - greenride, discussing its exciting new bike share program

7:00 - 7:10 - Champlain College, discussing the soon-to-be open building at 194 St. Paul Street

7:10 - 7:40 - School Board, Jeff Wick and Mike Fisher, on the capital plan and other issues

7:40 - 8:20 - Legislative Update, various members of our delegation, discussing the budget and other legislative items

8:20 - 8:30 - Concluding Forum, briefly mix & mingle with your neighbors

The Steering Committee Members for Ward 5 are:

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- Alec Bauer, awbauer@gmail.com
- Nate Orshan, natosongs@gmail.com
- Ben Traverse, bentraverse@gmail.com
- Joanna Grossman, joeyinvermont@gmail.com
- Joe Dery, joedery@gmail.com
- Andy Simon, earthadventure@gmail.com

For more information about Wards 5 NPA visit their CEDO webpage

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-5-NPA>



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In collaboration with Channel 17 cctv.org, we will also now be live streaming our meetings on YouTube, which will permit the submission of online comments during Q&A portions of the meeting: <https://youtu.be/IQDq1G32NeE>.

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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



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Date of Assembly : 6-21-18 Location: City Market

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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes

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Date of Assembly : **6 / 21 / 2018**

Start Time: (Commence): **6:30 PM**

Location: **City Market South End, Flynn Ave.** Finish Time: (Adjourn): **8:30 PM**

Notetaker: **Nate Orshan**

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Alec Bauer

Joe Dery

Joanna Grossman – Moderator

Nate Orshan

Ben Traverse

Andy Simon

Discussion Topics and Action Items:

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



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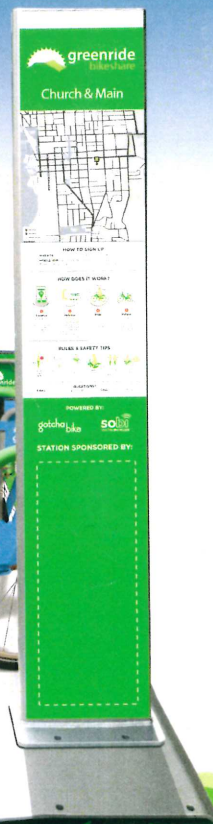
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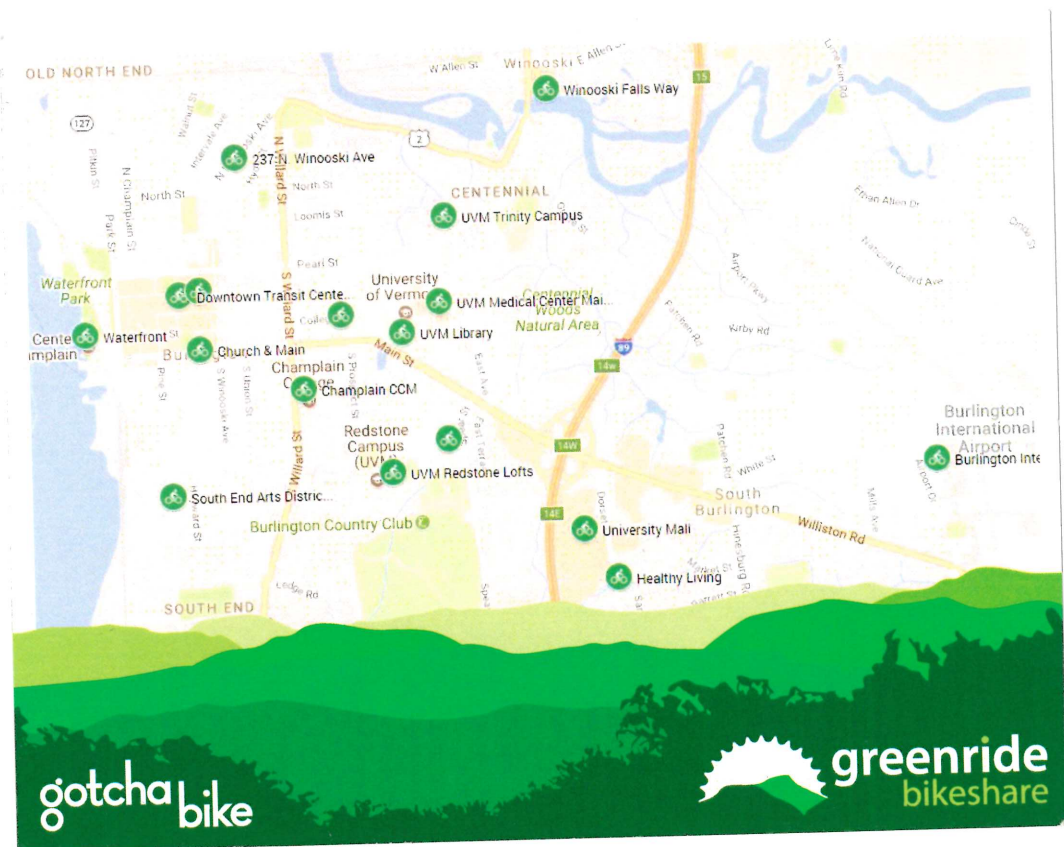


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Note from the notetaker: These minutes should not be construed as a verbatim transcript. I made a good-faith effort to transcribe as best I could and get points recorded as faithfully as possible, but in the process I necessarily had to omit or elide some verbiage. The full video for the meeting is available online at <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/burlington-ward-5-npa-meeting-36>.

(1) Open Forum

Summary:

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Andy Simon: I want to request ideas for future subjects for our September & October meetings. Anything you'd like to have us bring? For example, health of Lake Champlain, recent sewage incidents. We've talked about voter participation, brainstorming more ways we can get more people to vote. We'd love to hear what you're concerned about.

Q: Quick one: the apartments on Pine & Flynn. It'd be nice to get an update.

Joanna Grossman: I don't think they've rented the businesses yet.

Nick Floersch from Code for BTV: We're an official brigade of Code for America. We think delivering services is social justice. Please go to [CodeForBTV.com](http://codeforbvtv.org) (<http://codeforbvtv.org>).

Alec Bauer: It'd be fun to have an NPA community spirit award. There's people doing great stuff in the Ward.

Andy: Two announcements: Rally for the Nurse's Union tomorrow at BHS, 6-8pm. Also, two presentations on Neighborhood Project. I'm a little suspicious of it, but the consultant that came up with a draft that came out the City's Housing Action Plan: Mon 12-2pm in S.D Ireland Building at Champlain College, Tue 5:30-7:30 at Contois Auditorium. I think it would affect a lot of people. It's about lessening the impact of non-campus residential students. One way it's shaped is to focus on impact on the Wards and ways that can be lessened.

Sandy Yusen: And how can we in Burlington stem the conversion of single-family-owned homes to rental units, reverse that trend? There's a draft report you can read online.

**(2) Introduction to Greenride Bikeshare
- Christine Hill, General Manager**

Summary:

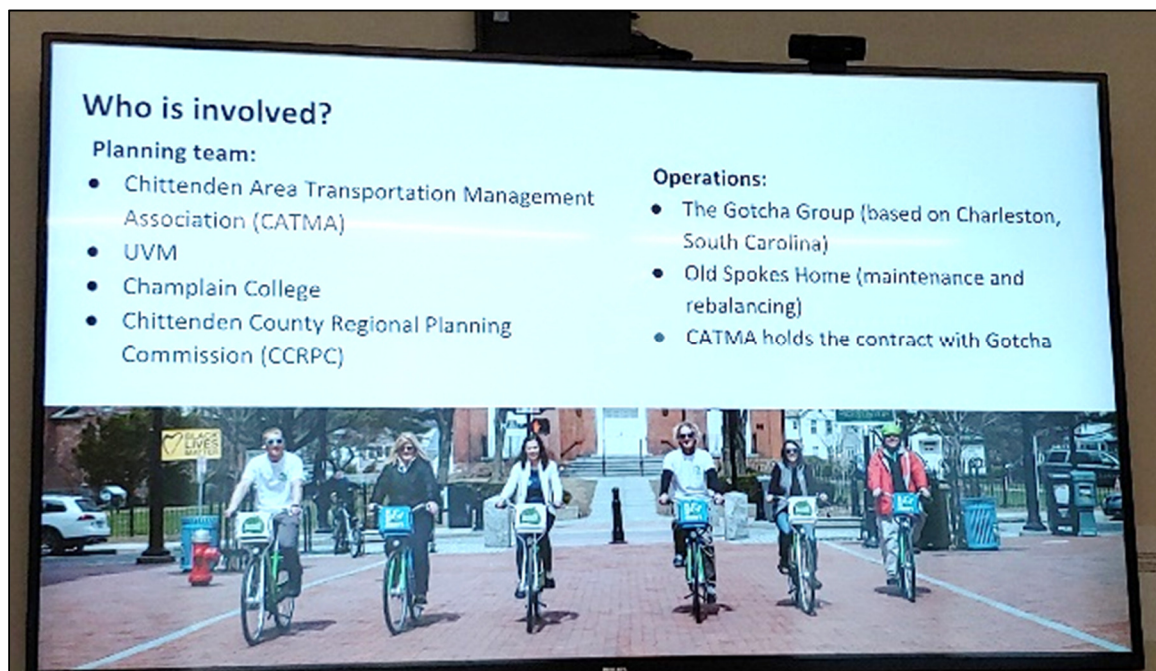
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Christine Hill

Christine Hill: Has anyone *not* seen the bikes around town? The "Ben & Jerry" ones?

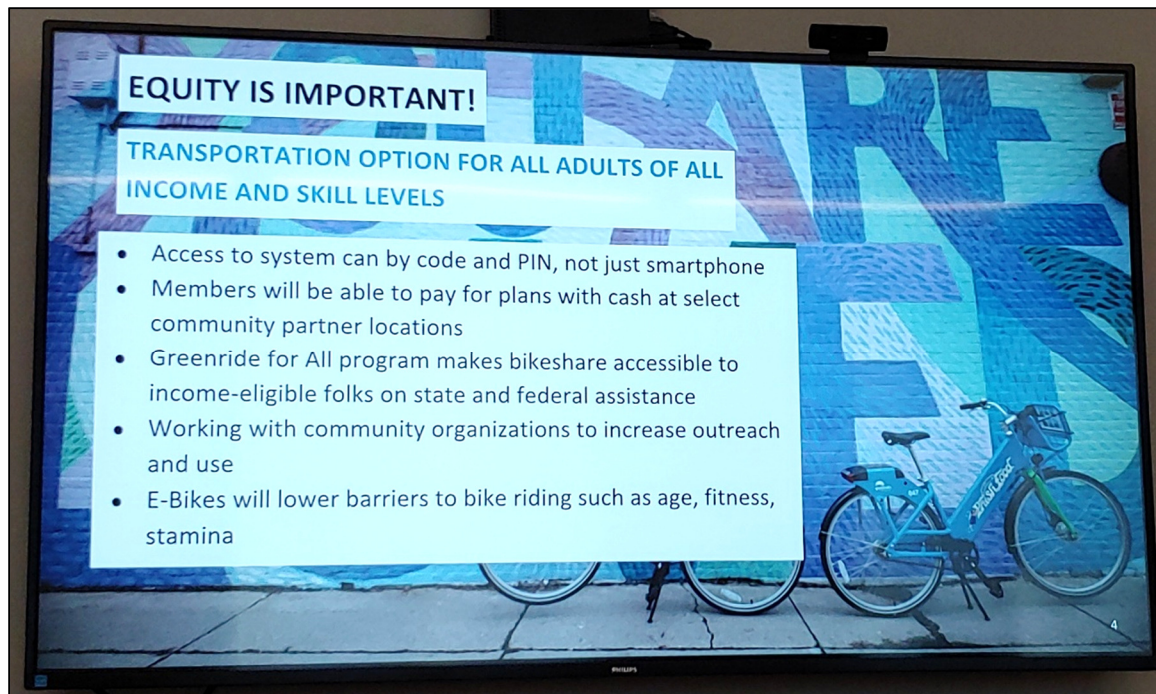
Bike sharing really democratizes bikes. It's a transportation option. They're not for tourists; they're meant to link up with other modes of mobility, for example, bike to the bus, then bus to Montpelier. Short, point-to-point trips.



Presentation slide showing the planning team and operations

Who is involved? (see the slide for the list) Basically, UVM and Champlain College didn't want to wait for the City to "study it for 7 years." City's jumping on for next year.

I work for The Gotcha Group, based in Charleston, SC, but I'm working here. CATMA (Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association) holds the contract with our company.



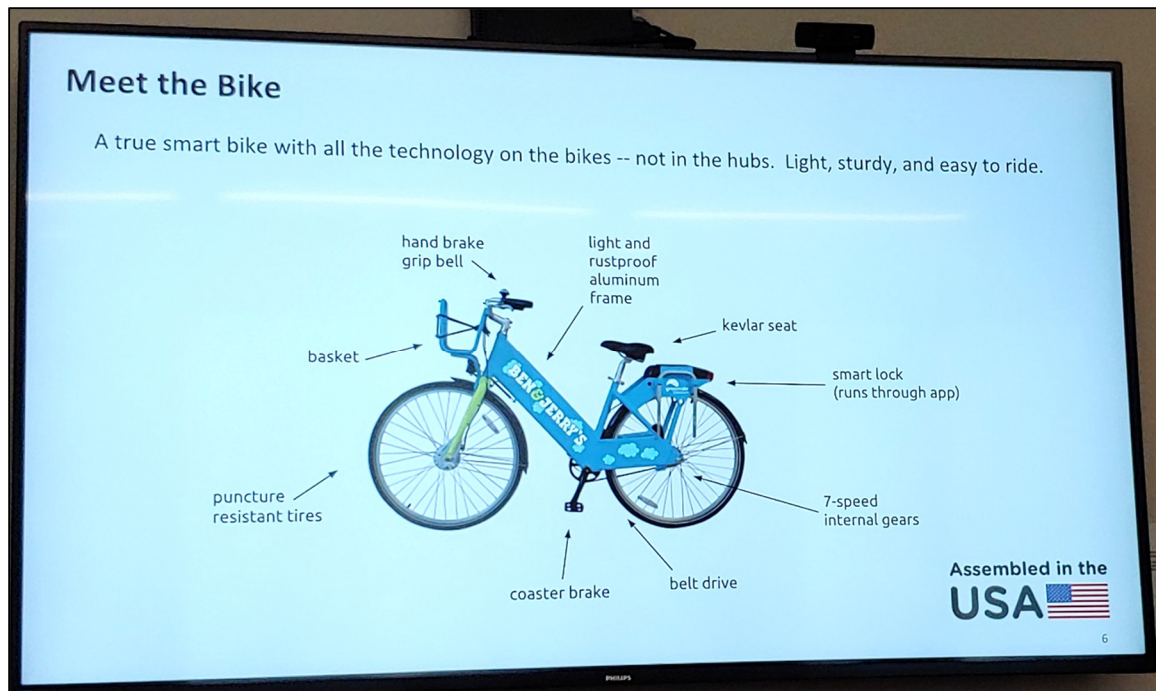
Presentation slide showing how Greenride facilitates transportation options

Equity is important! Greenride for All is our program for making bikeshare accessible to income-eligible folks on state & fed assistance.

The important thing is that it be a transportation option for all adults of all income and skill levels and technological access.

We want to have E-Bikes for the end of the season, lowering barriers to bike riding.

Our model is sponsorship-based, so our Title Sponsors are Ben & Jerry's and Seventh Generation, then there are four Partner Sponsors and a lot of other Sponsors.



Presentation slide showing the components of a Greenride bicycle

The bikes are beefy, very smooth, a lot of fun. They have an internally-geared hub so they're good for winter. Also, no chain, a carbon belt! Integrated lock. GPS pad where you'd punch in your code.

How much is it?

Quick Trip	Monthly	Annual
\$2	\$15	\$50
FOR FIRST 30 MINUTES	PER MONTH	PER YEAR
✓ \$5 EACH EXTRA 30 MINUTES (PRORATED BY THE MINUTE)	✓ 60 MINUTES OF FREE RIDE TIME PER DAY	✓ 60 MINUTES OF FREE RIDE TIME PER DAY

Greenride For All

Greenride for All program. Discounted Monthly and Annual plans for Vermont EBT Card holders.

[More Details](#)

Campus Plan

All current students and employees of Champlain College, UVM and UVM Medical Center with a valid .edu or uvmhealth.org email address are automatically eligible for \$25 annual membership.

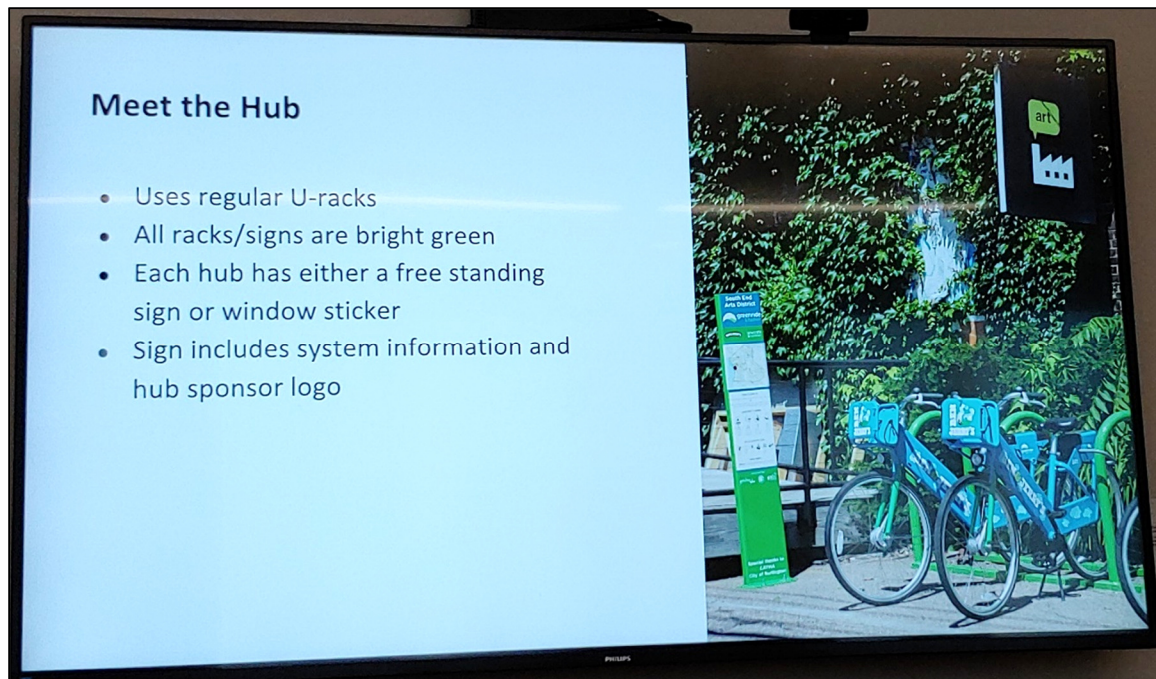
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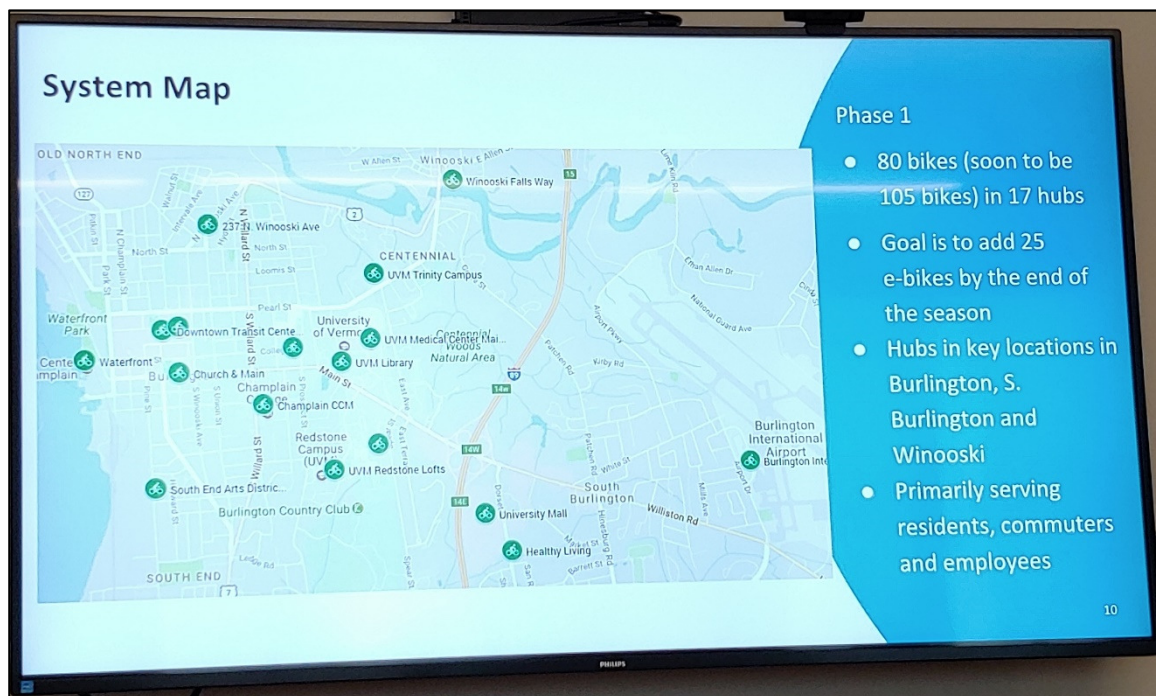
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Presentation slide showing the Greenride pricing

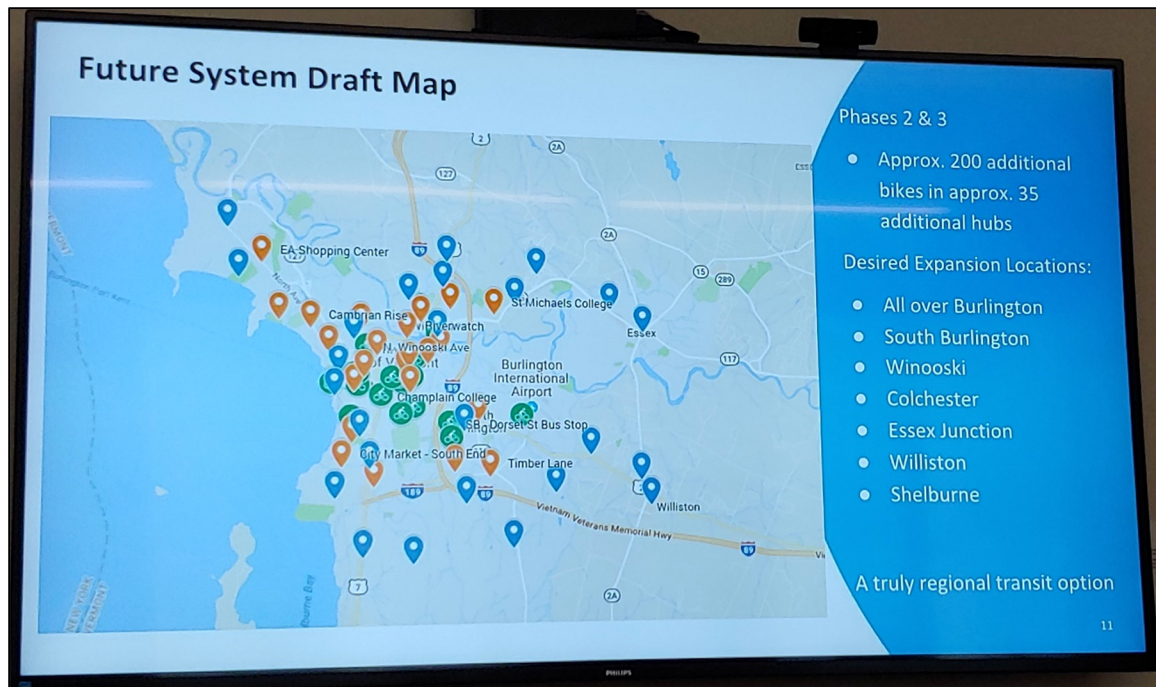


Presentation slide describing the components of a Greenride hub

Hubs include places like Ben and Jerry's, UVM's Bailey-Howe Library, The Woolen Mill, 237 No. Winooski Ave.

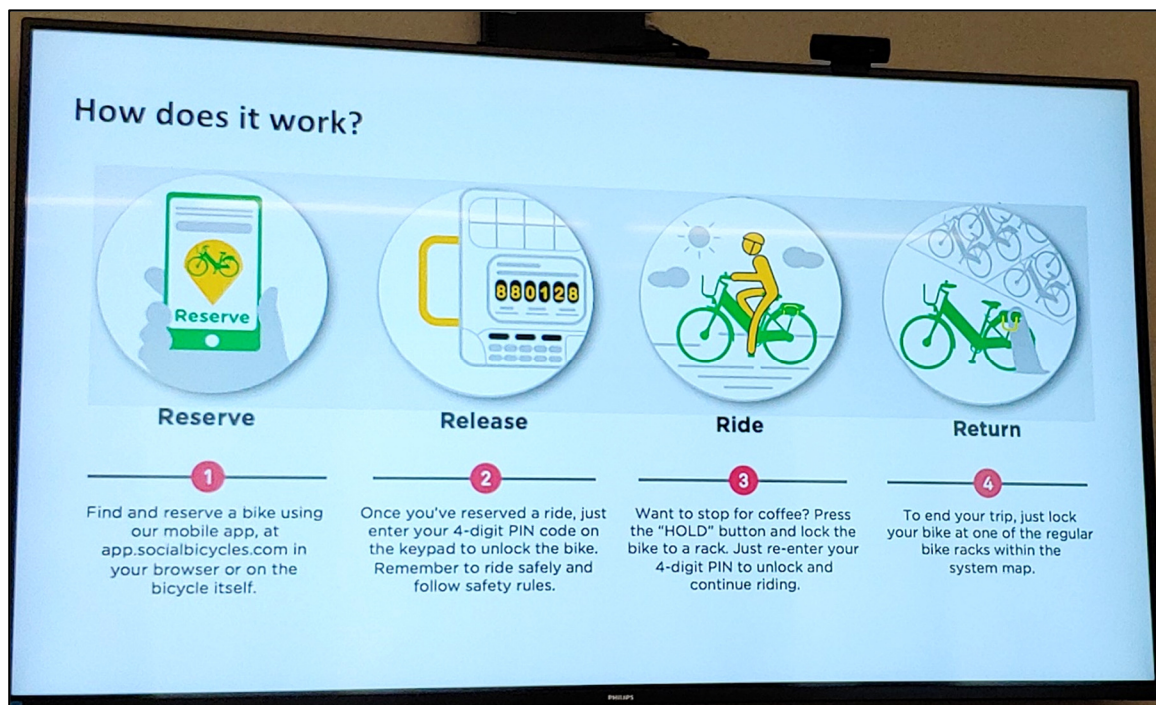


Presentation slide showing Greenride's system map



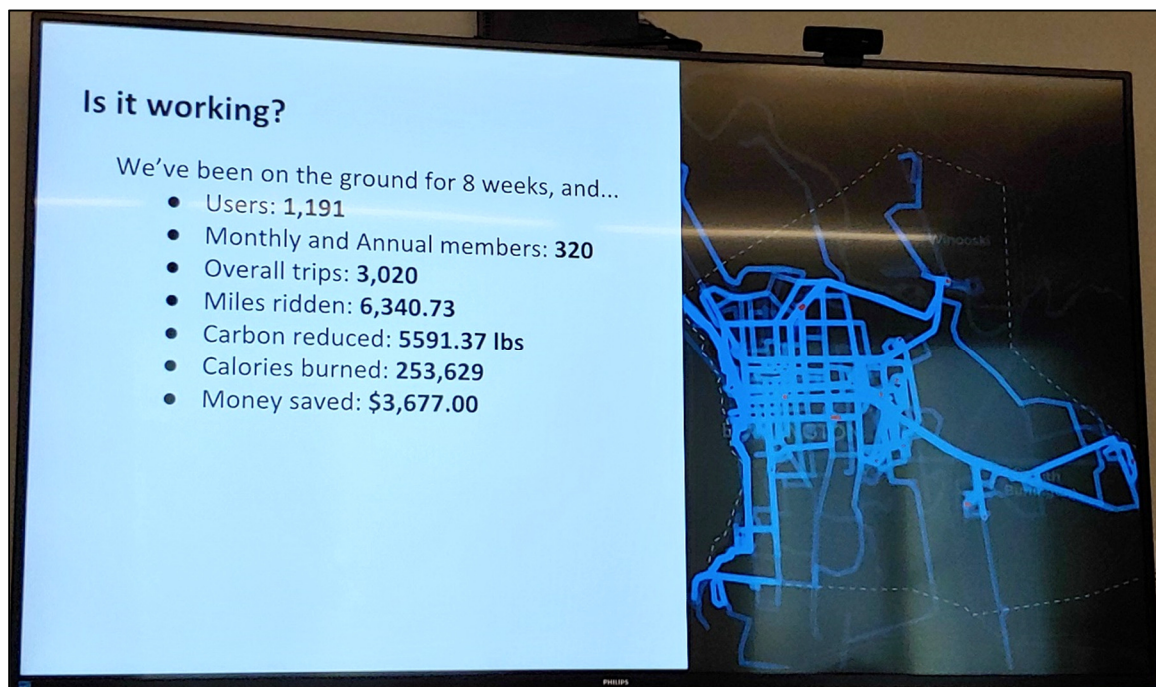
Presentation slide showing a draft of Greenride's future system map

Old Spokes Home does "rebalancing" for us, i.e., riding down and grabbing bikes. Future desired expansion locations include all of Burlington, So. Burlington, Winooski, Shelburne (Orange flags are Phase 2, Blue flags on the image are Phase 3).



Presentation slide showing how Greenride customers reserve, release, and return bikes

How does it work? (see slide) You can technically leave the bike not at a hub for \$5.



Presentation slide showing a "heat map" of the Burlington area, emphasizing the most frequently ridden-upon streets during the first eight weeks of Greenride's operations

More info: <http://greenridebikeshare.com>

Q: Will e-bikes cost more than regular bikes?

Christine: We're still debating that.

Q: Bring your own helmet?

Christine: Yes! We encourage it. We're also setting up helmet libraries and giveaways.

Q: Have you thought about bike trailers? For example, for going to the airport, groceries?

Christine: We haven't! That'll be interesting.

Alec: Local Motion has the cargo bike from ExtraCycle for their fleet of bikes.

Christine: And they've been doing e-bikes, too!

(3) Champlain College Update re Eagle's Landing
- John Caulo, Associate Vice President, and Sandy Yusen, External Relations and Communications Director

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(L-R:) Sandy Yusen and John Caulo

Sandy Yusen: Eagles Landing is opening this summer! 194 St. Paul Street.

John Caulo: The pre-construction phase was a challenge, a lot of opinions re what should or shouldn't happen. But we worked through it, and we're finally done. This project's gone exceedingly smoothly. We met our goal of "tipping steel" around April 1, 2017. We're now ahead of schedule. We're hoping to get our Certificate of Occupancy by end of June.

It's a student apartment project with a parking and a retail component, three different pieces of real estate we purchased. Total site is about 1 acre, 170,000 sq.

ft. building occupying a full city block. And I'm pleased that it seems to fit the block. Hats off to the design team that was able to incorporate the good suggestions and filter out the "noise."

105 apartments to 3rd & 4th-year students. Studios, multi-bedrooms. 67 parking spaces, of which the public will be able to use 53, an increase from the 42 spots that were there before. (The remaining spaces will be utilized by shopkeepers, some Browns Court people, property manager.)

Any students (314 of them) who do bring cars will have to park on Lakeside Ave.

Sandy: This is the first year that we do NOT allow Freshman students to bring cars to campus, reducing campus cars by 25%!

John: There is also 5,000 sq. ft. of retail area, per the City's request to "activate the street." So: ground-level retail, and an apartment stoop overlooking, a la Boston. We've got up to four storefronts, one signed lease already with a coffeeshop (business model hiring developmentally or intellectually-challenged people as service workers). We have a Montreal deli that is interested, still negotiating. We're trying to respond to the needs of the students and also the King St. neighborhood as well. We're trying to stay AWAY from national chains.

Sandy: Move-in update: Last year UVM & Champlain moved in on same day. It was tough!

8/12, Sunday, is move-in. We'll communicate dates via Front Porch Forum.

Q: Will there be an open house?

John: It depends on who you talk to. I'm still too close to the project to think about parties.

Sandy: We'd like to find an opportunity to bring neighbors in and show them. We'll probably do a media event.

Q: I live at the bottom of Maple. The building looks great. I think it fits the place well. But over the years, we've seen issues with student noise. We've been protected on lower Maple. My concern is the 300 students will challenge our quality of life.

What controls have been put in place to remind the students that they're neighbors.

John: That's a valid concern. It's a challenge to address it. You'd like to think that 3rd and 4th year students are responsible. For the past 10 years we've had 272 students living in a downtown apartment in Winooski, and they've been solid citizens.

Sandy: There will be upper-class students only in the building, and we'll have professional staff and student leaders living in the building.

Q: What's happening to the current housing in Winooski?

Sandy: There won't be Champlain College-sponsored housing at Spinner Place.

John: That was part of our long-term goal, having students live in sponsored housing controlled by the housing. That's been part of the Champlain College education. Long-term goal.

Alec: No large development is without its detractors, but I appreciate Champlain College's attention to detail.

**(4) Update from the Burlington School Board
– Mike Fisher, Ward 5 Commissioner,
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Summary:

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(L-R:) Jeff Wick and Mike Fisher

Mike Fisher: Three things to highlight.

First, the restoration of board committees: As a part of Policy Governance, the Board had decided to do away with most committees. Now we've restored most of the committees: Finance & Facilities, Policy & Governance,... The goal is to allow the Board to delve more deeply into these topics as opposed to via a lot of presentations to us.

Second thing: Capital plan for the preschools. There's a 10-year capital plan with a \$19M bond for approved for deferred maintenance on structures. There was a lot of community feedback and good process re the process of using the money for new buildings. The board heard the concerns and voted last Tuesday to halt all work on those two particular new buildings. Maintenance work will proceed, for example, so that elementary schools don't have to have gym in a "basement dungeon." Also accessibility renovation.

Third thing: Separate from improving the buildings, there was a separate thing for BHS (Burlington High School). Various committees have been looking at it since 2013. A re-envisioning Committee led by parents have been looking into what's the best way forward with BHS. There are a lot of accessibility issues that need to get addressed. So the board approved a proposal that would renovate the campus. It's a big plan, a big lift, requiring about \$60M in bonds. The thought is to put that bond to the voters in November.

Alec: Some years ago there was a previous consultant-led public process re what to do with BHS. I don't remember the dollar value, but it was perceived as eye-poppingly large, hence the renovations. Couldn't we build a brand-new high school for \$60M?

Jeff: We can check the school district's web site. My recollection is it's the less-expensive option. The slides show it.

Q: What issues will not be addressed by that \$60M bond?

Mike: The option was to build a new building next to the football field. A renovation won't have all that. We really want to vet this and bring it to the community in a way that has meaningful dialog about the plans.

Jeff Wick: Re the impact on our operating budget for the \$60m bonding, we need to dig into that question, too.

Andy: I want to thank you for responding to the public outcry. I think you made a good decision for calling a halt to it for now. I know people who voted against it were about responding to the needs for early ed. Are there contingency plans for accommodating early ed?

Mike: Simple answer is no. There's an understanding of the need. Everyone said, "Yes, there's a need," but there wasn't data to quantify the need, for example, "We're gonna need 20, 30, x spots." That's why I said it wasn't a good plan.

Jeff: The Superintendent (Yao Obeng) is looking at enrollment numbers for the fall, seeing if there are existing classrooms that can serve the preschoolers.

Joanna: I appreciate that, as a new board, you made a tough decision. I know it's a difficult place to be. A lot of people really, really appreciate that.

Alec: Re the BHS bond: That's for November? So we have a sizable site issue. Have we gone through the procurement procedures, etc. That's a HUGE amount of work for something that looks like it'll be short on detail.

Jeff: We had a joint school board/city council meeting last night about it. Idea was to get approval in November but... And it may not be enough! The School Board hasn't had a facilities committee to dig into this for a year! We still need to vet this; we have the same questions you do.

Alec: It'd be nice to have some confidence in the numbers.

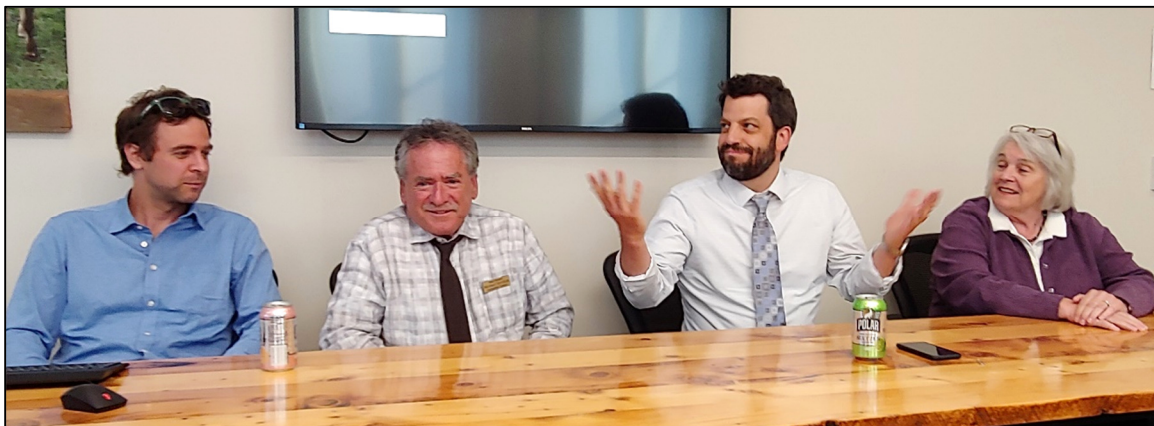
Jeff: It could end up being \$10M in debt service that would come out of our operating budget. Recall that adding 1-2% to our budget represented an 8% tax increase, so...it's a tough one.

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(L-R:) Tim Ashe, Michael Sirotkin, Chris Pearson, Ginny Lyons

Ginny Lyons: We did pass a budget from the Senate to the House. Generally it was a very productive session, in spite of the fact that the Governor vetoes many bills.

So much has happened, especially in area of healthcare, mental health, opioid problem.

Our mental health system needs a lot of work. One bill in particular expands the system and allows for the construction of new beds. We've put in place plans for counseling through the accountable care system and Howard Center. For example, patients in ERs being left for days – S.203 will allow for construction of new facilities. Also, the ER at UVMHC (University of Vermont Medical Center) will be improved so patients won't be languishing in beds.

Another area: increasing transparency for pricing for prescription drugs. Also, reimportation bill. We all sponsored it. That bill's moving forward in Agency of Human Services. We're looking for it to get a waiver to import prescription drugs from Canada at more competitive prices.

In Burlington, I had request for assistance for BED (Burlington Electric Department) to use some money in construction of combined heat and power plant at McNeil (Generating Station).

One thing we didn't accomplish as fully: raising funding for cleaning lake Champlain. Chris can talk about that. I look forward to opportunities for funding.

Finally, providing services for children: We passed at least one bill that provides a new look at traumatic stress, looking to improve providing services to kids in schools or clinical settings.

Your Chittenden County delegation's worked extremely well together.

Chris Pearson: I live in the Old North End. (Pointing to the assembled legislators:) We sit in exactly this order. We're 20% of the Vermont Senate and do work well together. We're like improv musicians, and it's really fun.

We're in this strange moment right now. We DID do a lot this year.

S.180, Right to repair: electronic repair people don't have authentic parts for mobile devices and computers. Manufacturers have clamped down on these parts. Our bill makes it so that you can insist to buy authentic parts. We did a task force to understand if we can do this. All of a sudden John Deere reps were flying in to tell us how dumb we were. We'll be digging into it in the next year.

S.15. Vetoed, but... has to do with contracts. We routinely give away a lot of our rights. For example, employment contracts often truncate your abilities to respond. Our bill said you can't just hand away basic rights. And courts have routinely upheld this idea. Corporate lawyers figure that you'll be intimidated and won't push for your rights.

The bill moved out of Senate judiciary. We're on the cutting edge; I had legislators from Colorado calling to ask how we did it. It was vetoed, but...these things take time. You can't put this back in the bottle.

I serve on the Natural Resources and Energy Committee. It became immediately apparent that the Governor wasn't interested in raising money. We got some things into law, chief among them an attempt to handle things with Lake Carmi, triggering a higher grade of regulation. Also, we're frustrated with understanding who's in charge. Agriculture? ANR (Agency of Natural Resources)? Transportation? Each one would say, "Well, that's really the *other* agency..." We made it clear that the chair of the Water Board is to be the Secretary of Administration. For us to have one person to hold accountable, the Secretary of Administration, that's a big next step.

Michael Sirotkin: I'm chair of the Senate Economic Development and General Affairs Committee. If there's a bill that doesn't have a home anywhere else, it comes to us!

I had the ignominious distinction of being quoted as saying the strategy for this administration always saying, "No, no, no," should be, "Why don't we just send them a lot of bills and have them veto them." Well, four months later...

Tim Ashe: It's a new record!

Michael: As Chris says, the cat's out of the bag on these issues. We got through minimum wage, family leave...all vetoed.

We dealt with a sexual harassment bill, probably the strongest protection in the country, barring "do not darken my door" provisions. So a company can't say, "You'll never come back to here and apply for a job." Also, a lot of people just want to settle

and move on. We're the first state that says, "You can't prevent a woman losing her settlement because she steps up and speaks her mind."

We did a lot of stuff with privacy: a data broker bill, requiring them to register with the state and talk about their protocols and ban them from charging fees. The Governor didn't veto...but didn't sign it either. We imposed a \$100 fee on them, but you'll save \$100Ks on fees.

Re questions of litigation re how much you can regulate ISPs (Internet Service Providers). We said, The state of Vermont can't enter into contracts with these ISPs if they don't follow Net Neutrality principles.

I want to give Tim credit. What he's been dealing with in past two weeks, education financing and budget...

The Legislature's comparatively weak compared to the Governor. We don't have his staff. But when the governor says, "You can't work on that, because I'm gonna veto it," then he renders us irrelevant. And there's no compromise: "My way or the highway." I think we need to push back.

Tim Ashe: (Navigates to <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018.1/H.16>). H.16 bill: Notice that there wasn't a single no vote today! Every single Republican voted for it! So we're working in this tri-partisan way, everyone feeling like they can live with it (27-0). The Governor made this "no tax and fee" pledge early on.

The Governor is not the only person who can have a non-negotiable position. Our position: We don't want to trash our public schools.

The Governor wants to take extra income taxes, a one-year surge, plus cigarette funds, and use that instead of raising taxes. Our position: If you artificially prop up the school expenses, next year...the hole reappears.

The Governor loves the fact that there's a perpetual crisis in education funding, because it emboldens them to cut more. This year: Governor's decision to increase teacher-to-student ratio....

The Governor proposes outlandish cuts, saying we'd save \$85M in the next few years. We believe this is the beginning of an attack on public education, creating a false sense of crisis in our education system. The Chief of Staff is the lead architect, promoting school choice, "We should expand the system." But it'll lead to higher income households taking their kids out of the schools that have more challenges, creating a two-tier system.

Our proposal would have saved \$120M over years.

Now, we say, "Look, we think your proposals are terrible. We'll use some of the one-time money, but we won't go all of the way there." There have been a grand total of four budget vetoes in VT history; this Governor's responsible for three of 'em.

Q: What happens on the House side?

Ginny: They weigh in on this tomorrow and over the weekend. We would hope they concur. The budget that went forward is about the same as the prior two. The

difference is in the education property tax rates and the use of one-time money. Hopefully the House won't decide there needs to be wholesale change.

Chris: After five days, if the Governor doesn't sign, it becomes law.

Andy: I'm trying to understand dynamics of Republicans deciding to uphold the veto.

Ginny: It would appear to be contradictory. The additional vote was based on the policy itself.

Chris: It's not just this threat of a veto. We're all trying to figure out how to preserve "vehemently disagreeing and then having a beer together." For example, the prescription drug reimportation bill: they took days of testimony, then the day before vote, the Governor comes down and says he'll vote against it. "Where were you all this time?" We've seen this over and over again.

Ginny: The Governor vetoed the toxins-in-children's-toys bill in April, but there was no interaction. There was no cooperation, no communication, no collaboration, and no compromise.

Tim: See H.16 Special Session: FY 2019. There's a page that explains everything in plain English.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

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