

Agenda for Ward 6 NPA Meeting, May 6, 2021

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81027856568>

6:30-6:40 Music performed by the duo “Live Jazz,” featuring Andrew Albright on double bass and Ben Littenberg on guitar and vocals

6:40-6:50 Public Comment

6:50-7:10 Jessica Hyman, Director, Fair Housing Project, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, to discuss Fair Housing Month

7:10-7:35 Tom Flanagan, Burlington School District Superintendent, and Clare Wool and Jeff Wick, School Commissioners, to provide updates on BHS and other district news

7:35-7:55 Robert Goulding, Public Information Manager, Department of Public Works, to provide update on construction plans affecting Ward 6 and on the Consolidated Collection study (which is examining the feasibility of combining trash and recycling pickup)

7:55-8:15 Stephanie Seguino, Police Commissioner, to discuss Department news including community goals for public safety

8:15-8:30 Karen Paul and Joan Shannon, City Councilors, to provide updates on City activities and respond to constituents’ questions and concerns

Steering Committee Members

- Michelle Mraz, michelle.mraz@gmail.com
- Matt Grady, matt7631@gmail.com
- Mary Riley, rileyburl@burlingtontelecom.net
- Joel Fitzgerald, joel.fitzgerald@mausd.org
- Caroline Hauser, caroline.hauser@hey.com
- Nelson Martelle, nelsonmartelle@gmail.com

Minutes for Ward 6 NPA Meeting
May 6, 2021
6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Steering Committee Members present: Matt Grady, Mary Riley, Michelle Mraz, Nelson Martelle (acting committee member) and Caroline Hauser (acting committee member)

Start time 6:30 pm
End time 8:45 pm

Music by Andrew Albright and Ben Littenberg

Attendance report

Al Weldon	Clare Wool	Matt Grady
Andrea Rogers	Erika Johnson (she/her)	Michelle M.
annagrady	FHP CVOEO	Nelson Martelle
atmvermont1@myfairpoint.net	Jeffrey Wick	Patricia Pomerleau
Becky Levasseur	Joan Shannon	Rep Tiff Bluemle/Burlington (she/her)
Ben Littenberg	Judith Mueller & Marc Heinzer	Rob Goulding
Bill Keogh	Karen Paul	Stephanie Seguino
Bob Leidy	Lea Terhune	teresa
BWG	Lee Perry	Tom Flanagan
Caroline Hauser (she/her)	mac	Town Meeting TV
CEDO NPAs	mary	Ulrich Wendeln
christina	Mary Riley	

Erika Johnson (CVOEO) & Jessica Hyman (VT Legal Aid) for Fair Housing Month

- April is Fair Housing Month, the City of Burlington has made a commitment to continue efforts to eliminate housing discrimination in our communities and increase housing opportunities for all (mayor's proclamation attached)
- A series of events called Fair Housing Fridays - presentations and discussions on housing-related topics are recorded and available to view at <http://vtfairhousing.org>
- VT Legal aid can help educate tenants and landlords obligations under fair housing laws (reasonable accommodation: i.e. disability, emotional support animal)
- Fair Housing Month info sheet: <https://coordhousvt.egnyte.com/dl/FxiibbRDcu/>
- Fair Housing Project of CVOEO: <https://www.cvoeo.org/fhp>

- Vermont Legal Aid / Legal Services Vermont: 1-800-889-2047, <https://vtlawhelp.org/how-we-can-help>

Tom Flanagan, Burlington School District Superintendent, and Clare Wool and Jeff Wick, School Commissioners

- Through due diligence with construction project, they uncovered PCBs in the air at BHS, they continue to find sources of PCBs by testing regularly (i.e. in glue under floor tiles, in caulk around windows, in ceiling tiles)
- Met with EPA & VT Dept of Health Commissioner, the school meets EPA standards but not VT standards, the EPA said to follow VT state guidelines
- Full remediation would cost \$7-12m, building would still contain PCBs and would require significant ongoing monitoring, additional cost would be \$80-90m and would leave no place for the Burlington Technical Center, which has the highest levels and would not be usable
- They did other tests with buildings of similar age in the area and they didn't have similar levels of PCBs, something specific about BHS has caused these levels of PCBs
- They will start a site assessment as soon as possible to find a new location
- Current lease at Macy's is 3.5 years long, there is an option to extend it if needed

Robert Goulding, Public Information Manager, Department of Public Works & Lee Perry, Division Director for Maintenance Program (Slides attached)

DPW

- We are at the end of the 2016 infrastructure bond funding, to sustain the work of the last 4 years more funding will be necessary
- Mayor & Council are having a discussion on the use of the American Rescue plan funds right now, this is a community conversation that will evolve
- Paving: recent investments have nearly doubled historic average, 2021 work is currently "out to bid"
- Sidewalk reconstruction: approx 13 miles completed over a 4 year stretch - tripling the "average," sidewalks tend to have a 40 year life cycle
- Water main upgrades: if you live on affected segments you should have received information about any disruptions
- Clean water resiliency plan: passed in 2018 to invest in aged stormwater/wastewater system, stay tuned for updates on upcoming projects
- Shelburne Street Roundabout: will start sometime this summer and last for about 2 years. Call 802-496-8956 or email info@shelburnestreetroundabout.com
- Construction Portal: burlingtonvt.com/construction
- Maintenance & Infrastructure Requests: See Click Fix, 802-863-9094, dpw-pinestreetcustomerservice@burlingtonvt.gov
- VT-Alert: burlingtonvt.gov/BTV-alerts
- DPW Public Information Manager: Rob Goulding, rgoulding@burlingtonvt.gov, 802-881-2278

Consolidated Collection

- In 2018 City Council passed a resolution directing DPW to study whether to consolidate collection of trash, recycling, and compost
- A nationwide study showed 83% of municipalities consolidate their services under a variety of scenarios
- Benefits: Environmental, Economic, & Quality of Life (noise and pollution reduction, safer streets, etc.)
- Evaluating all scenarios and will present recommendation for consideration to the Public Works Commission & Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee
- If the Council decides to advance either model of consolidated collection, it will take approx 2-3 years to implement
- Your feedback is welcome, visit <https://www.burlingtonvt.com/dpw/Maintenance/CC> for background and materials. Join for public comment at Commission, TEUC, and City Council to voice your feedback.
Email dpwcommunications@burlingtonvt.gov

Stephanie Seguino, Ward 6 Police Commissioner

- Talitha Consultants will be sending out a survey soon asking for peoples' views on public safety
- CNA is looking at staffing levels in the police department, last summer a resolution was passed to limit the number of police officers to 74
- When we look at calls for service in Burlington from 2012-2020, the number of calls for mental health issues has gone from 450 to 900+ per year - mental health is by far the most frequent call for service
- Complaints against officers will be posted publicly and disciplinary decisions going forward will be made public
- In many departments there are officers who have had repeated complaints against them, police commission thought it was important that the history of complaints and discipline should be made public but it goes against the union contract
- The union contract remains a challenge to transparency and other changes. The contract expires June 30, 2022 and negotiations will begin 6-8 months before

City Council Update - Karen Paul & Joan Shannon

- FY 22 Budget Principles:
 - Restore city services to pre-pandemic levels
 - Investment in critical infrastructure
 - Emergency reserves to address FY23 economic uncertainty
 - Tax increases minimized as much as possible
 - City will make overdue investments in racial equity and justice, language access, and livable wages
 - Municipal City enterprise funds severely impacted by the pandemic require support
 - The use of significant ARPA funds will be necessary to make good on other budget principles
- New & Expanded Programs and Equity Initiatives

- Funding for diverse and inclusive hiring across departments
 - Money for staffing city council committees
 - Compensating board and commission members
 - Funding for Language Access Plan
 - Money for Trusted Community Voices
 - During dept presentations, BPD will present budget that reallocates savings to hiring CSOs and CSLs
 - City has created a City Budget Survey for people to weigh in on the budget priorities: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/btv_city_budget_survey
 - Budget process outline: https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/mayor/fy22_budget_process
 - Keep an eye out for information on a public meeting on the budget within the next few weeks
- If you don't like the results of your appraisal appeal, there will be a citizen board to review. To see the impact of the reappraisal on your property value, see this link: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/assessor/reappraisal-impact-tool>

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Federal Fair Housing Act was passed in April 1968 in order to take steps toward eliminating discrimination in housing opportunities based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, and disability; and to further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Fair Housing Act strengthened the protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act to include age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, receipt of public assistance, and people who have experienced abuse, sexual assault, or stalking as protected classes; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is now celebrated as Fair Housing Month both nationally and locally; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and opportunity for all in housing is not the exclusive province of the federal or state governments and vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination and expand housing opportunities can be extremely effective; and

WHEREAS, Burlingtonians need safe, decent, affordable, and inclusive housing, and illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington supports the efforts of fair housing organizations, concerned citizens, and the housing industry to create broader housing choice in Burlington and Chittenden County and to promote understanding of the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, inclusive, welcoming, and affordable communities promote diversity and a climate conducive to equitable and vibrant development; and

WHEREAS, Burlington submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development an Assessment of Fair Housing, which was subsequently approved by the Department in December 2017; and

WHEREAS, Burlington continues to work to expand housing opportunities and the availability and affordability of housing in Burlington through policy reform, including the development over the last two years of new policies to implement energy efficiency standards in rental housing, eliminate requirements around parking standards in order to reduce a major driver of the cost of housing and align the City's land use policies with its climate goals, and restore and increase the dedicated funding for the City's Housing Trust Fund, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus crisis has put additional strain on the City's housing and support services and exacerbated existing inequities for people whom fair housing laws seek to protect from discrimination particularly for people of color;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Burlington, and I do hereby urge all individuals, agencies, and institutions – public and private – to contribute to the observance by continuing our efforts to eliminate housing discrimination in our communities and increase housing opportunities for all.



Miro Weinberger
Mayor of Burlington, Vermont



2021 Construction Season Preview



- **95 miles of roadway**
- **130 miles of sidewalk**
- **75** signalized intersections
- **1** water plant
- **110 miles of water mains**
- **3** Wastewater Treatment Plants
- **49** miles of sanitary sewer
- **45** miles of combined sanitary / storm sewer
- **37** miles of storm sewer
- **25** pump stations
- **102** storm water outfalls
- **2,000+** catch basins
- **900** fire hydrants
- **12,000** residential units served by recycling service

- **1,053** parking meters, **3** parking garages
- **300** city vehicles serviced and maintained
- **2** post-closure landfills
- **1** methane powered generating station
- **33** crossing guards
- **6,358** building, electrical, plumbing permit apps / year
- **541** excavation, obstruction permits / year
- **76** traffic requests received / year
- **2,500+** See Click Fix/customer service requests per year
- **3,500** tons of salt / year
- **3** fuels supplied at fueling station
- **1,014** crosswalks, stop bars & turn arrows maintained
- **\$~9M** of capital projects completed each year
- **1** great team that makes it all happen

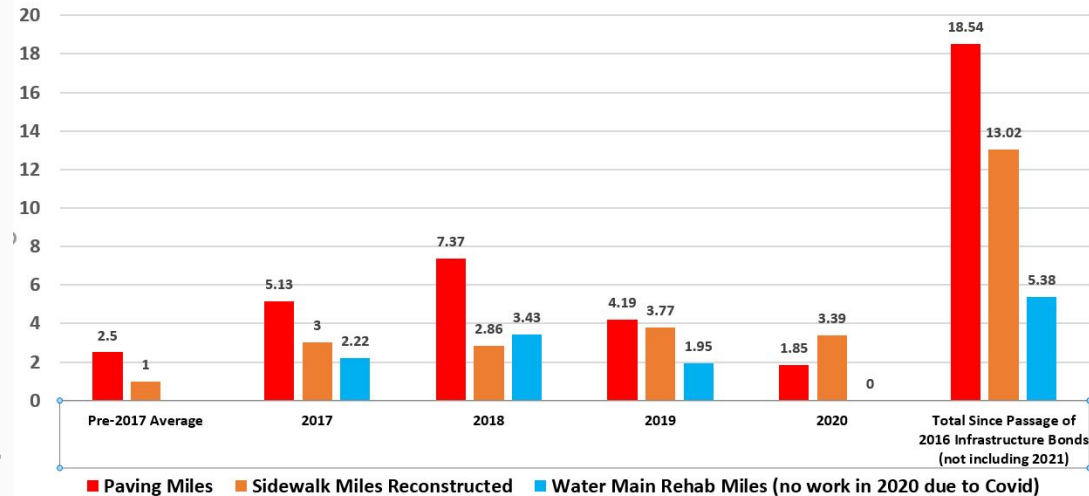
Sustainable Infrastructure Plan

Proposed in 2016, passed overwhelmingly by voters

Core Asset Investment:

- tripled sidewalk reconstruction
- nearly doubled paving average (~ 20% of city)
- put emphasis on drinking water infrastructure for first time

Completed Projects: 2017-2020



Big Picture on Next Steps for Infrastructure

- We are at the end of the 2016 infrastructure bond funding
- To sustain the work of the last 4 years more funding will be necessary
- Mayor and Council are having a discussion on the use of American Rescue Plan funds right now
- Plans in place to pivot to a more robust project list if funding is available
- This is a community conversation that will evolve
- With that said, we are still working aggressively to implement capital projects with other sources of funds (e.g., Shellburne Roundabout)

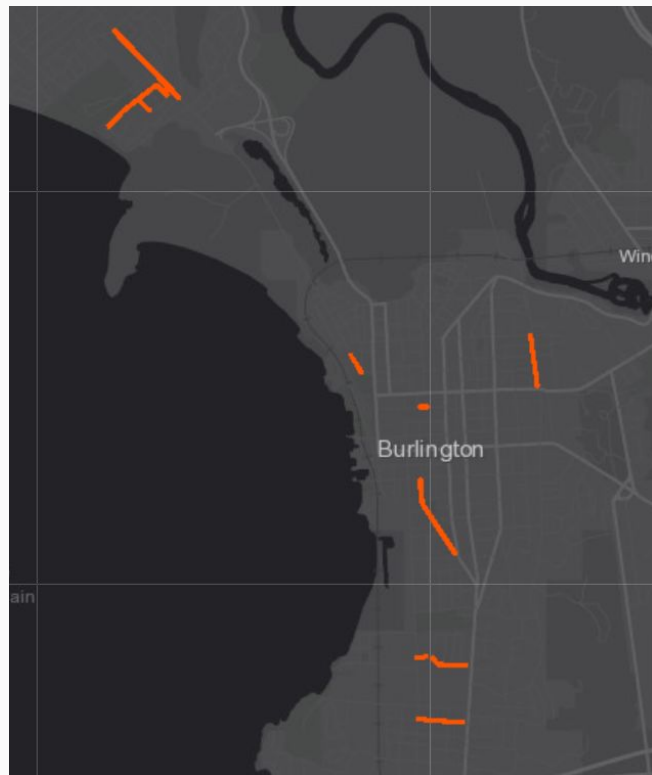
Paving

Recent investments have nearly doubled historic average

2021 work is currently “out to bid”

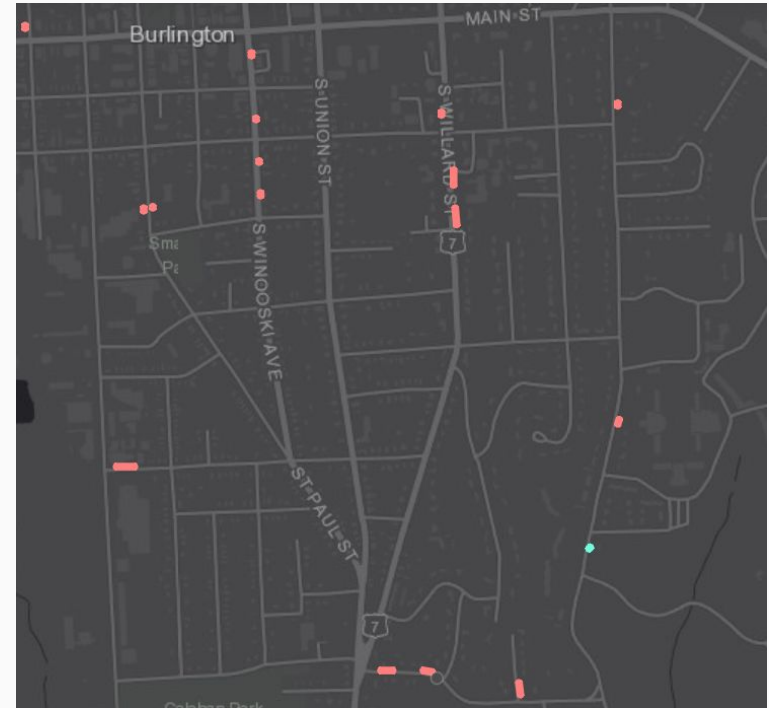
Mill & Fill Streets: Involves milling off top course of pavement, applying a new top course to the road.

- North Avenue: EAP to Shore Rd
- North Avenue: Sherman to 33 N Ave
- Lakewood Parkway – *possibly 2022*
- Tallwood Lane - *possibly 2022*
- N Prospect: Pearl to North
- Saint Paul St - Winooski to Maple
- Cherry St: Church to St Paul
- VT-127/Beltline - patching
- Ferguson Ave: *alternate, pending bids and funding*
- Birchcliff: *alternate, pending bids and funding*
- Allen St - *alternate, pending bids and funding*
- Depot St - *alternate, pending bids and funding*



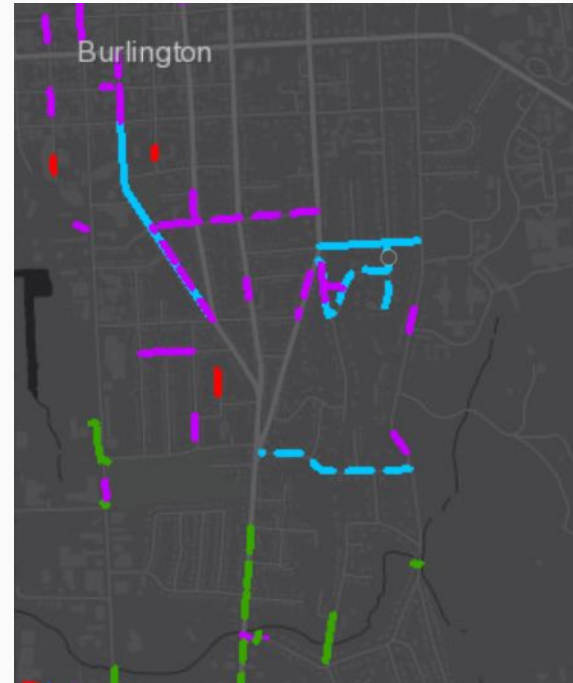
Sidewalk Reconstruction

- Approx 13 miles completed over 4 year stretch - tripling the “average”
- Sidewalks tend to have a 40 year life-cycle; recent construction trends are necessary to maintain a sustainable schedule
- Current funding allows “short run” repairs (roughly 1 mi - back to pre-2017 levels), including parts of following (tentative list):
 - Alfred St
 - Crescent Rd
 - Edgewood Ln
 - Hoover St
 - Ledge Rd
 - S Prospect
 - S Willard
 - S Winooski
 - St Paul St
- Supplemental funding would enhance the overall city list with the addition of “long runs,” including (tentative list)
 - Bayview, Perrotta, Clymer, Shelburne



Water Main Upgrades

- Nearly 8 miles completed in 3 years - the first proactive water main upgrade project in recent history
- This work was delayed in 2020 due to Covid
- This work will use up the last of the 2016 Water Bond \$8.34 M authorization
- Project streets include: Ledge, Deforest, Overlake Park, North Prospect St, Home Ave
- Homeowners have or will receive a letter in the mail about the work and short term impacts



Clean Water Resiliency Plan

- **Passed in 2018 to advance 7 key areas of reinvestment**
 - 1. Investing in Wastewater Treatment Plants
 - 2. Updating Pump Stations
 - 3. Relining and Rehabilitating Sewer and Stormwater Pipes
 - 4. Repairing Stormwater Outfalls
 - 5. Implementing Pollution Prevention Programs
 - 6. Constructing Green Infrastructure
 - 7. Completing Integrated Planning



Clean Water Progress

- WWTP Disinfection - ***completed spring 2021***
- Computer controls & communication upgrades at Main Plant - ***completed spring 2021***
- Flynn Pump Station replacement - ***underway***
- Miles of sewer and storm pipe repair - ***out to bid***
- Green infrastructure - ***planned for late spring (recent email update; future FPF announcement)***



Shelburne Street Roundabout

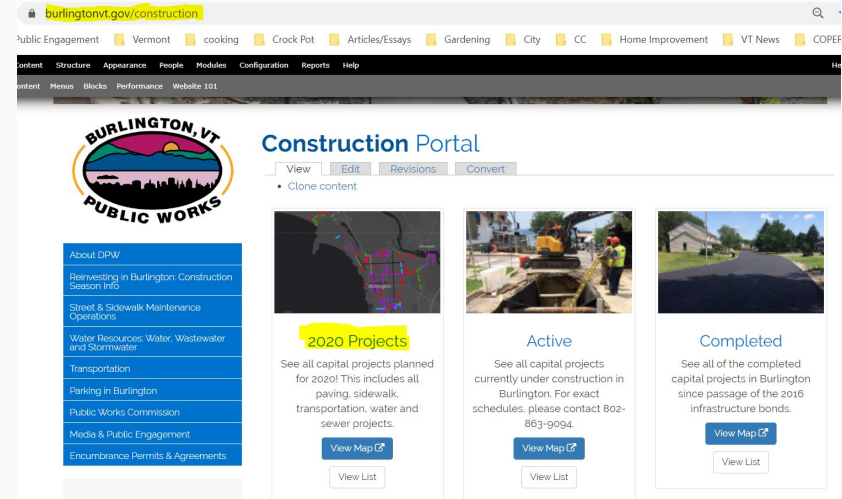
- Managed by the State, in partnership with DPW
- Recent presentation to Ward 6
- Work likely to begin this summer and continue for 2 years
- There will be an upcoming public meeting to meet the project team and contractor, discuss project logistics
- Call 802-496-8956 or email info@shelburnestreetroundabout.com for more information



Shelburne St.
Roundabout
BURLINGTON, VT.

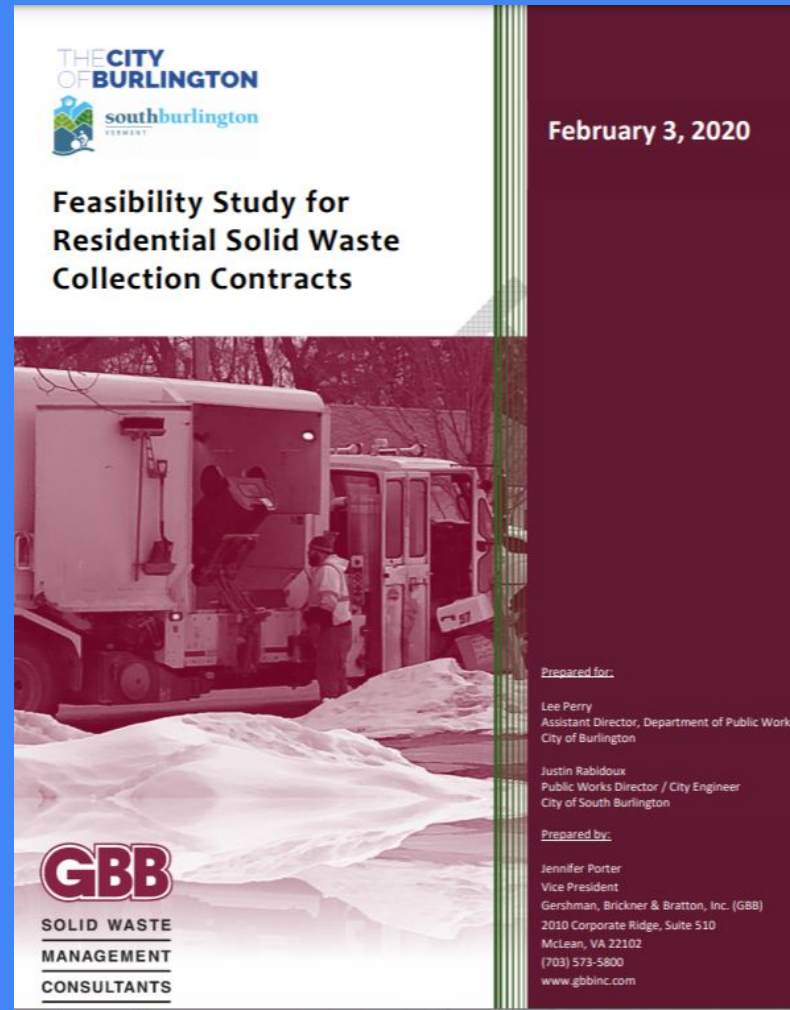
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Consolidated Collection:

using one hauler to provide trash, recycling and compost pick-up for addresses with 1-4 units



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**Feasibility Study for
Residential Solid Waste
Collection Contracts**

February 3, 2020

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Background

- City Council passed a resolution in 2018 directing DPW to study whether to consolidate the collection of trash, recycling and compost
- A nationwide study of 461 cities and counties showed that 83% of municipalities consolidate their services under a variety of scenarios
- The consultant's report found the following likely benefits of consolidation
 - **Environmental:** reduction of 2/3 VMT of collection trucks
 - **Economic:** residents can receive weekly trash/recycling/compost collection at approx same price as their current price for just trash/recycling
 - **Quality of life:** reduction of truck noise/traffic; simplifying service (one hauler, one day/wk)

Possible scenarios going forward

- As a city, we need to decide if we should consolidate services or not. If yes, the options include:
 - Consolidating services and putting this out to bid for private haulers to serve “franchised” zones
 - The City provides the consolidated services and all administrative and customer service functions

Cost comparison: Franchised vs. Municipal

Options	Municipal Model 195-201 Flynn Ave 0% Opt Out	Municipal Model 339 Pine St. 15% Opt Out	Municipal Model 339 Pine St. 25% Opt Out	Franchise Model 0% Opt Out*	Franchise Model 15% Opt Out	Franchise Model 25% Opt Out**
Households Served Weekly	13,005	11,054	9,754	13,005	11,054	9,754
Resident Annual Cost	\$414.38	\$457.30	\$494.92	\$410.03	\$422.98	\$422.80*
Resident Monthly Cost	\$34.53	\$38.11	\$41.24	\$34.17	\$35.25	\$35.23*

** There was an arithmetical error in the franchised "0% Opt Out" final cost listed in the March TEUC packet. This brought the franchised cost down from \$412.83 annually to \$410.03 annually.*

*** The consultant ran the franchise model originally at 0% and 15% opt out. City staff has updated the costs based on updated tip fees and made some initial assumptions on the 25% opt out but are awaiting confirmation from our consultant. The overall cost figures for this scenario are preliminary.*

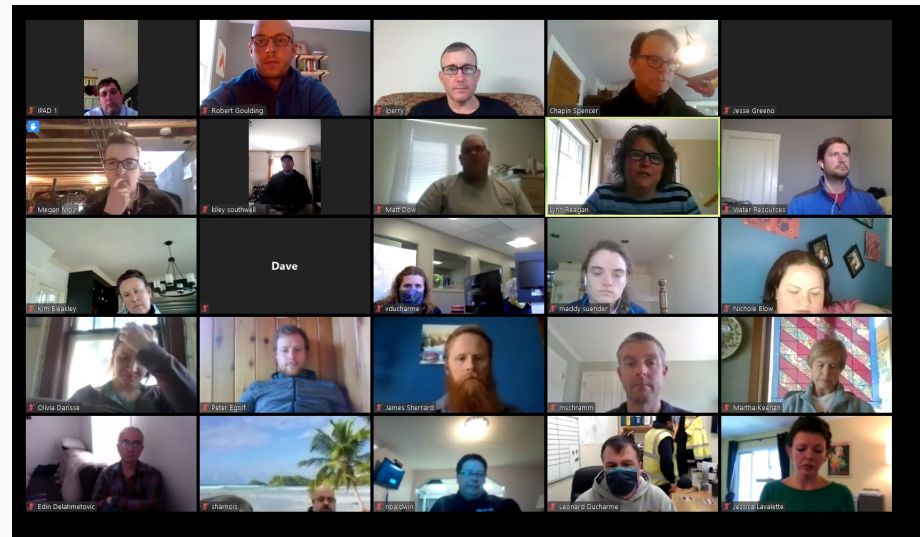
Next Steps

- We are evaluating all scenarios and will present our recommendation for consideration
 - Public Works Commission - 5/19 - <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Commission/Agendas>
 - Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee - 5/25 - <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil/TEUC>
 - DPW Commission & TEUC may choose to make a motion (or different motions) - either supporting our recommendation or an alternative proposal - and will then bring this to the full City Council (likely in June)
- If the Council decides to advance consolidated collection, it will take approximately 2-3 years to implement

Your feedback welcomed

- Visit <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/dpw/Maintenance/CC> for background and materials
- Public comment available at Commission, TEUC and City Council
- Email DPWCommunications@burlingtonvt.gov with any feedback you would like to share directly
- Lee Perry, Division Director of Maintenance, 802-863-9094

From all of
DPW,
Thank You!



CHAPTER 3: IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS

Washington Street

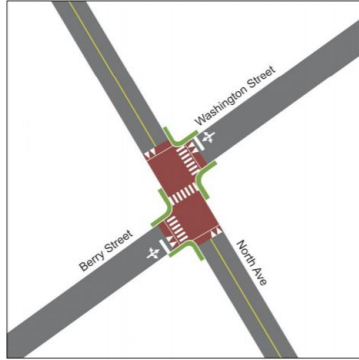
The study team developed one concept for the Washington Street unsignalized intersection. Concept 1 focuses on improving pedestrian safety and calming traffic.

Crossing North Avenue at Washington Street is difficult as a pedestrian. Drivers rarely yield to waiting pedestrians and traffic begins to pick up speed as it exits the Old North End heading northbound. Concept 1 proposes a pedestrian-actuated rapid flash beacon for this crosswalk to better alert drivers of a pedestrian's presence. This intersection's role as the transition between the Old North End and New North End is enhanced in Concept 1 through the use of gateway treatments on all four corners, which may include special streetscaping, pavement, stormwater treatments, or signage. Concept 1 also proposes raising the intersection to sidewalk level to further calm traffic and remind drivers that a pedestrian crossing is nearby. Raised intersections also benefit pedestrians by eliminating the vertical distance between the sidewalk and street level at crosswalks, which also eliminates water ponding since there are no curb ramps.

Concept 1

- Pedestrian-actuated rapid flash beacon for crosswalk
- Raised intersection
- Gateway treatments (Old North End and New North End transition)

Figure 93: Washington Street Concept 1



PROJECT LOCATION: ON NORTH AVENUE, AT THE INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON STREET AND BERRY STREET IN BURLINGTON, VT.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: WORK TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS PROJECT INCLUDES GRADING, SUBBASE, NEW 5' SIDEWALK AND CURB, SIDEWALK RAMPS, REMOVAL OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURES, NEW DRAINAGE STRUCTURES, NEW SIGNS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS.

