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Mayor Miro Weinberger and Planning and Zoning Director David E. White Announce planBTV Open House

Invite Public to Final Opportunity to Comment on planBTV Discussion Draft

Burlington, VT – Mayor Miro Weinberger, together with Burlington Planning and Zoning Director David E. White, today announced a two-day planBTV open house in City Hall's Contois Auditorium this Thursday and Friday from noon to 8pm each day. The public is invited to offer final comments on the draft planBTV, which is a master plan for Burlington's downtown and waterfront.

"The planBTV effort has been a remarkable example of an ambitious City planning process that will succeed thanks to the hundreds of Burlingtonians who have shared their hopes and dreams for the future of Burlington," said Weinberger. "I encourage anyone who hasn't had a chance to weigh in to join us for this exciting final opportunity for public input into our draft plan."

The planBTV open house will feature large, poster-size information displays throughout Contois Auditorium. Participants will be able to review the plan by studying these poster displays, by reading a hard copy of the 100+ page planBTV magazine, and by visiting planBTV's website – http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/PlanBTV/Login.aspx – through the use of City laptop computers. The public will be encouraged to evaluate and share thoughts about different aspects of the plan by using the City laptops to enter their comments through the planBTV website. The open house will include a coloring and activities area for children. Also, light hors d'oeuvres will be served each evening at approximately 5pm.

"Our City thrives on public engagement, and we're thrilled with the tremendous level of enthusiasm and participation from Burlingtonians over the last year," said White. "We invite you to visit with us later this week and share your thoughts about the future of Burlington's downtown and waterfront."

The public comment period officially closes on Sunday, September 30, 2012. Whether or not Burlingtonians are able to attend the open house, they are able to review the draft plan online or by picking up a hard copy of the planBTV magazine from the Department of Planning and Zoning on the ground floor of City Hall.

The planBTV project is about the future vitality of Burlington's downtown and waterfront and began in February 2011 with a series of studies to inventory and assess existing conditions and to identify primary needs, challenges, and opportunities. These analyses led to a visioning and planning process that heavily considered and built upon existing community values and goals. The end result was the creation of the draft planBTV.

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