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August 6, 2010

To: City Council & Board of Finance  
From: Erin Demers, Project Manager

Re: Lower Church Street and St. Paul Street Improvements STP 5000 (16)  
Bid Results and Contract Award

The Lower Church Street and St. Paul Street Improvements Project is being developed through the Local Transportation Facilities (LTF) section of the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans). Although the project is managed locally, the use of Federal and State funds requires that permitting, environmental, and right-of-way (ROW) processes follow pertinent Federal and State regulations.

The Department of Public Works Office will act as the Municipal Project Manager (MPM) for the Lower Church St. & Saint Paul St. Improvements STP 5000(16). This project is being carried out in conjunction with the engineering divisions of Burlington Public Works and the Burlington Electric Department. The project consists of the reconstruction of Church Street from Main Street to King and Saint Paul Street from Main Street to College Street. The total length of the project is 1035 LF which includes the intersections of Church Street and Main Street, Church Street and King Street, Main Street and Saint Paul Street, and College and Saint Paul Street, which are a significant part of the project. Elements of the construction include grinding, paving, installation of drainage facilities, installation of signs and pavements markings, landscaping, placing all utility facilities under ground, sidewalks, crosswalks, road surface, traffic signals and trees. The construction of these improvements are funded through a Federal Highway Administration Transportation Community and System Preservation grant and administered by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans).

The City of Burlington Public Works is anticipating a bid opening for these street improvements on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10 a.m. Pending the acceptance and confirmation of the bid results, I would like to request that the Board of Finance and City Council allow Public Works to award this project to the lowest qualified and responsible bidder and assuring prices fall within our expected estimates. During the meetings I will distribute actual bid results which will have been submitted that morning.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 865-5831 or [edemers@ci.burlington.vt.us](mailto:edemers@ci.burlington.vt.us).

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8 MARKETPLACE PROJECT – SIDE STREET PROJECT PHASE 1  
9 CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION  
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15 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

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17 That WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a  
18 Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) act was signed August 10, 2005. Administered by the Federal  
19 Highway Administration (FHWA) it provides transportation funding to communities all across  
20 the country for Federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and  
21 transit; and

22 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington accepted \$6 million of SAFETEA-LU funds specific  
23 transportation improvement projects on the Church Street Marketplace and proximate side streets  
24 by City Council resolution on July 10, 2006; and

25 WHEREAS, the City Council via the July 10, 2007 resolution empowered the Council  
26 Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee in consultation with the Waterfront Marketplace  
27 Downtown (WMD) Advisory Group to oversee the development of projects funded within the  
28 SAFETEA-LU authorization; and

29 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington retained Stantec, Inc. to provide engineering and  
30 design services for the Side Streets to the Church Street Marketplace Project; and

31 WHEREAS, Stantec, Inc. in consultation with City staff after a public process that  
32 identified existing conditions and public concerns developed three alternatives plus base  
33 improvements that were presented to the public in two sessions in June 2007 and October 2007;  
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40 WHEREAS, after the public presentation staff and the consultants reviewed all  
41 comments, goals and budgets and developed a preferred alternative which was presented to the  
42 Waterfront Marketplace Downtown (WMD) Advisory Group on June 9, 2008; and

43 WHEREAS, the WMD endorsed a preferred alternative that focuses upon the three  
44 improvement categories, pedestrian, streetscape and traffic; and

45 WHEREAS, the preferred alternative has been presented to the Planning Commission  
46 and to the Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee which have endorsed the preferred  
47 alternative and commencement of Phase 1 of the Side Streets to the Church Street Marketplace  
48 Project; and

49 WHEREAS, this phase of the project, also known as the Lower Church Street and St.  
50 Paul Street Improvements STP 5000 (16), will be carried out in conjunction with the engineering  
51 divisions of Burlington Public Works and the Burlington Electric Department and will  
52 reconstruct Church Street from Main Street to King and Saint Paul Street from Main Street to  
53 College Street, a total length of 1035 LF, and include the intersections of Church Street and Main  
54 Street, Church Street and King Street, Main Street and Saint Paul Street, and College and Saint  
55 Paul Street; and

56 WHEREAS, the elements of this construction will include grinding, paving, installation  
57 of drainage facilities, installation of signs and pavements markings, landscaping, placing all  
58 utility facilities under ground, sidewalks, crosswalks, road surface, traffic signals and trees,  
59 which will be funded through a Federal Highway Administration Transportation Community and  
60 System Preservation grant and administered by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation  
61 (VTrans); and

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68 WHEREAS, Burlington’s Marketplace, Downtown and Waterfront will be economically  
69 strengthened through these continued public improvements and private investments and these  
70 infrastructure improvements will use environmental best practices and strive for sustainability;  
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72 WHEREAS, the local share of this project will be 20% or \_\_\_\_\_, the  
73 remainder of the project will be funded through the SAFETEA-LU appropriation; and

74 WHEREAS, the Board of Finance at its meeting on August 9, 2010, approved execution  
75 of the contract with \_\_\_\_\_ and recommends approval by the City Council,  
76 contingent on confirmation by the Public Works Department of the bid amounts and other bid  
77 requirements being met and upon prior review and approval of the contract by the City Attorney;

78 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Steven Goodkind, Public Works Director,  
79 be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of  
80 \$\_\_\_\_\_ to complete construction of the Side Street Improvement Project Phase I contingent  
81 on confirmation by the Public Works Department of the bid amounts and other bid requirements  
82 being met, and upon the prior review and approval of the contract by the City Attorney.

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