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2 **Resolution Relating to**

RESOLUTION

Sponsor(s): Councilor Keogh;
Community Development & Revitalization
Introduced: 02/14/11 Neighborhood
Referred to: _____ Comm: Councilor
_____ Berezniak,
Action: _____ Mulvaney -
Date: _____ Frank
Signed by Mayor: _____ Adrian

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7 **AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR DOWNTOWN GRANT FUNDS**

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12 **CITY OF BURLINGTON**

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14 In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....

15 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

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17 That WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Act (24 V.S.A. Chap. 76A) provides various
18 benefits for communities whose downtowns receive designation as Designated Downtown
19 Districts, including income tax credits for rehabilitation of older or historic buildings,
20 reallocation of sales tax receipts for building materials and financial assistance from various
21 programs specifically for Designated Downtown Districts; and

22 WHEREAS, the City desires to enhance pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access with
23 transportation improvements to the downtown waterfront in the designated downtown district;
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25 WHEREAS, the City desires to make a variety of transportation related improvements in
26 the vicinity of the Moran Plant, including rebuilding the end of Lake Street, realigning and
27 upgrading portions of the bike path, storm water management improvements, parking, new street
28 lighting and new sidewalks along with pedestrian and bicycle amenities in the downtown
29 waterfront in the designated downtown district; and

30 WHEREAS, the City also desires to underground the electric utility and
31 telecommunications lines in the downtown waterfront in the designated downtown district; and

32 WHEREAS, the Waterfront Access North Project (Phase 1) is within Burlington's
33 Downtown District; and

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39 WHEREAS, the City has received Federal Highway grants in the amount of \$3,250,000
40 which will provide a portion of the resources needed to construct these improvements; and

41 WHEREAS, CEDO is seeking additional resources needed for construction; and

42 WHEREAS, there is a March 7, 2011 application deadline for the next round of
43 Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund grants and the companion VT Downtown Clean
44 and Clear program grants; and

45 WHEREAS, municipalities with designated downtowns can apply for up to \$75,000 in
46 this fiscal year from the Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund; and

47 WHEREAS, VT Clean and Clear provided the VT Downtown Program with limited
48 funds for Low Impact Development (LID) storm water projects that are planned in conjunction
49 with a Downtown Transportation Improvement fund project; and

50 WHEREAS, given that this project is appropriate and in keeping with the revitalization
51 goals of Burlington's Downtown District and all other municipal plans, these additional benefits
52 for Burlington's Downtown District should be sought;

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Community and Economic
54 Development Office is authorized to apply to the Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund
55 administered by the State of Vermont for a grant of \$75,000 and an additional \$25,000 from the
56 VT Clean and Clear VT Downtown Program to cover a portion of the remaining costs for the
57 construction of the Waterfront Access North Project in Burlington's Downtown District.

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