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2 **Resolution Relating to**
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RESOLUTION
Sponsor(s): Councilors Keogh,
Wright, Paul: Bd. of Finance

Introduced: 04/11/11

Referred to: _____

Action: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

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6 AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT \$974,000 APPROPRIATED TO
7 THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IN FY 2010 FOR
8 THE CHURCH STREET MARKETPLACE DISTRICT AND TO
9 EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH VERMONT
10 AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS
11 WITHIN THE CHURCH STREET MARKETPLACE DISTRICT

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 Church Street Marketplace is the crown jewel of Downtown Burlington
18 and a true treasure for Vermont. The transformation of Church Street over the past 30 years has
19 made the Marketplace a gateway to Vermont that draws millions of people every year, as well as
20 a gathering spot and social center for Vermonters, across generations; and

21 WHEREAS, the Church Street Marketplace is one of the country's most successful
22 pedestrian malls, but the original infrastructure is nearly 30 years old. The City of Burlington,
23 the Marketplace Commission, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, and the Federal Highway
24 Administration are working together to upgrade the aging infrastructure and incorporate the side
25 streets into the overall Church Street experience; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Leahy has secured more than \$14 million in federal funding for the
27 Church Street Marketplace since its inception. He obtained \$5.4 million in 1979 to get the
28 Marketplace started, and over the past decade he has secured \$9 million more to help refurbish
29 Church Street, including \$974,000 in Fiscal Year 2010; and

30 WHEREAS, these funds have been used to brick the City Hall Block; overhaul the
31 antiquated electrical system; install new trees, benches, and information kiosks; reconstruct the
32 alleyway to the Marketplace Garage; and prepare for streetscape improvements along the side
33 streets of Cherry, Bank, College, and Main; and

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43 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington must officially accept the latest round of funding in
44 order to continue these infrastructure upgrades and streetscape enhancements along Church
45 Street and its side streets. These improvements will ensure that Church Street continues to be a
46 vital and vigorous place for residents and visitors alike; and

47 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is responsible for developing and maintaining all
48 public infrastructure necessary for the continued success and development of it's downtown,
49 including the Church Street Marketplace; and

50 WHEREAS, Burlington's Marketplace will be economically strengthened through
51 continued public improvements and private investments; and

52 WHEREAS, consideration will be given to improvements that can be well maintained
53 and managed; and

54 WHEREAS, the Community and Economic Development Office in conjunction with the
55 Department of Public Works, the Church Street Marketplace and the Vermont Agency of
56 Transportation (VTTrans) in consultation with the City Council Transportation Energy and
57 Utilities Committee will develop the transportation improvement projects authorized by these
58 funds; and

59 WHEREAS, the City Council Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee will make a
60 recommendation on the locally preferred design alternative for theses transportation
61 improvements subject to approval by the Mayor and City Council; and

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71 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Congress will make a rescission in these funds
72 annually, it is important to move quickly to have FHWA obligate these funds that are currently
73 available; and

74 WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 28, 2011, the Board of Finance reviewed this matter
75 and unanimously recommended City Council approval of this resolution;

76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Bob Kiss is hereby authorized to
77 execute a Cooperative Agreement and all documents related to the Agreement by and between
78 the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation and the City of Burlington for improvements
79 within the Church Street Marketplace area,, subject to prior review and approval by the City
80 Attorney.

