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**BURLINGTON TO MARK COMPLETION OF 1.6M DOWNTOWN “SIDE STREETS”
PROJECT**

Event to Include Unveiling of Plaque Commemorating First Ben & Jerry’s Scoop Shop

Burlington, VT -- The City of Burlington will hold a ribbon cutting on **Friday September 2 at 2 pm at the SW corner of Church and Main streets** to mark completion of the downtown “side streets” project. This \$1.6 million project - funded primarily by a federal appropriation secured by Senator Patrick Leahy – made substantial improvements to pedestrian and streetscape elements of lower Church Street and Saint Paul Streets. The improvements include new traffic signals, crosswalks, curbs, sidewalks, street lighting, and road surfaces along St. Paul Street between Main Street and College Street and on Church Street between Main Street and King Street.

In conjunction with the ribbon cutting the City will also officially unveil the newly refurbished plaque commemorating the location of the original Ben & Jerry’s scoop shop at the corner of St. Paul and College Streets.

At the event Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss will be joined by Ted Brady of Senator Leahy’s office, representatives of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, representatives of the Department of Public Works and CEDO, and area businesses, among others. The ribbon cutting will be followed by a tour of the project and unveiling of the Ben & Jerry’s plaque.