The South End Construction Coordination Plan and The Champlain Parkway

Reinvesting in aging infrastructure & bringing legacy projects to construction

The proposed South End Construction Coordination Plan includes an approach to phase the Champlain Parkway construction. This proactive proposal, grounded in the support of our Federal and State partners, lays out a pragmatic path to achieving a major renewal and modernization of the City’s South End infrastructure while reducing community impacts.
Figure 1
Champlain Parkway Construction Sequencing Plan
Burlington, VT
This achieves several important objectives:

**Minimizing Construction Impacts:** Careful coordination between all the upcoming South End projects can lessen impacts on homes & businesses.

**Achieving Many Parkway Benefits Promptly:** By splitting the Parkway project into two separate contracts, the City is able to promptly initiate project construction.

**Making the Interstate Connection When Ready:** The proposed sequencing provides a window to get the South End community infrastructure in place before opening the Champlain Parkway’s connection to I-189, with the I-189 connection being completed in 2027 – a full six construction seasons from now, and projects an overall reduction of traffic in the King St and Maple St neighborhood.

**Advancing Parkway to Completion**
Achieving Many Parkway Benefits Promptly, Phase 1 work includes:

- New 25mph grid street between Home Ave & Lake Ave
- New stormwater infrastructure to reduce over 3 tons of sediment from being discharged into Lake Champlain annually
- 2 miles of shared use path
- Improved, raised intersections & a new midblock crosswalk @ Arts Riot
- An enhanced Pine St: new granite curbs, reconstructed sidewalk w/ ADA-compliant access ramps on the eastern side, new top pavement with improved surface drainage
- Underground utilities on Lakeside Ave, and replacing approximately 4,000 ft of waterlines and 3,000 ft of sewer lines
- Reconstructed rail crossings with new active warning system, including new gates
Limited Scope Final Supplemental EIS Published Today:

- Findings consistent with the Limited Scope Draft Supplemental EIS
- Copies available online (ChamplainParkway.com)
- Printed copies available at 645 Pine St, City Hall, Fletcher Free Library
- Expect the Record of Decision in mid-October
Tonight’s Contract Amendment Scope of Work:

• Provide general support, project management and coordination
• Prepare initial construction contract and final construction contract final plans, cross-sections, special provisions and bid documents
• Provide bid phase services for the initial construction contract
• Provide construction phase services for the initial construction contract including shop
• drawing review, response to request for information (RFIs) and site visits
• Prepare and distribute Record of Decision (ROD)
• Provide environmental consulting, permit and legal support
“You had asked if the City was unable to maintain the momentum to advance this project would this project be subject to the FHWA 20-Year Rule requirements for repayment/payback of Federal funds. The answer to this question is yes. This project would fall under the terms of the FHWA 20-Year Rule and would require repayment of Federal funds. The FHWA 20-Year Rule states that projects must advance from the acquisition of right of way to construction within 20 years or require payback of Federal funds. The FHWA 20-Year Rule is based on Federal law 23 USC, 108... The Federal law and Federal regulations do not allow for a waiver or exemption of this provision.”
“It is our understanding that the City is hearing from residents and others who are alleging that the repayment/payback provisions will not be exercised if Burlington were to opt out of the project. As of the date of this letter the total Federal/State/Local tax payer funding spent on all efforts associated with this project through September 3, 2021, is over $45 million. The construction costs for the project are currently estimated at approximately $37 million. In the unfortunate event that the City is unable to maintain the momentum to advance this project, the Agency will be required to seek project cost recovery action against the City under the FHWA 20 Year Rule (23 U.S.C. 108) requirements for repayment / payback of Federal funds invested in the project, as well as State funds invested and recoverable under the existing agreement between the City and the Agency.”