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To: Burlington Public Works Commission

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Subject: Briefing Recent Milestone Actions Decisions related to the South End Coordination Plan as well as the Champlain Parkway

This past Monday evening the Burlington Department of Public Works (DPW) presented two proposals to the Board of Finance and the Burlington City Council:

- **South End Construction Coordination Plan (SECCP).** The SECCP seeks to coordinate a number of South End major capital projects in a manner that will limit the disruption associated with various projects. Staff heard from residents they were suffering from construction fatigue as well as acknowledging Shelburne Street and Pine Street are the only two major north-south transportation corridors linking the Central business district from points south.

- **Amendment #17 to the Champlain Parkway Design Contract with CHA.** Details of which include extending the contract term from October 1, 2021 to July 1, 2025, and increasing the contract amount by $1,054,733.65, raising the total from $12,417,369.19 to $13,472,102.84. The local match obligation of 2% will be an additional $21,094.67 for this amendment – totaling $269,442.06 over the life of the contract.

The Burlington City Council unanimously approved a motion on these items this past Monday.

As a separate but related matter, the Champlain Parkway has reached an important milestone in project development in which the local Federal Highway Administration has concluded the process of review of the Limited Scope Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement with revisions. The FHWA has authorized the public issuance of the Limited Scope Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (LS FEIS).

In an effort to keep the public informed in a timely manner of this important project milestone the department has:

- Made available on the LS FEIS on the project website (champlainparkway.org) for public review.
- Sent out an email notifying interested members of the public that the LS FEIS is available for their review.
- Made reference printed copies available for public review at City Hall, Fletcher Free Library, and Public Works.
- Made available a small number of printed copies for members of the public to have to read at their leisure. The LS FSEIS is in excess of 685 pages. Staff does not want to be wasteful in preparing such a large document if there is limited desire/need from the public to have their own personal copies. If there is a desire from the public for additional hard copies we will submit an order for a reprint.

From a more formal FHWA process standpoint, the LS FSEIS is scheduled to be published in the Federal Registry on Friday, September 17, 2021. Once the LS FSEIS is published in the Federal Registry, there is a 30 day minimum period of public notice before a Record of Decision (ROD) can be issued by FHWA. As such, the soonest a ROD could be issued would be Monday, October 18, 2021.

As we advance the Champlain Parkway and update the South End Construction Coordination Plan, we will keep the Public Works Commission informed. We recognize there is substantial interest in the Champlain Parkway project and it is important that the Commission receive timely briefings as to our progress.

Our brief City Council presentation from Monday night is attached for your reference. Thank you for continued interest.