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**Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:30 PM**

**Burlington Department of Public Works – Streets Conference Room**  
**645 Pine Street – Burlington, VT**

**–AGENDA–**

1. Agenda (meeting started at 5:35 pm)
2. Minutes of 02/21/2019
3. Public Forum
  - a. Barbara Headrick, ebikes and escooters I hope we postpone or do not do the escooters at all, and if we do, we should not allow them on multiuse paths. They are not safe. The motors should not work on the waterfront. My second topic is the UVM joint institutional parking plan, UVM says they have a 700 parking space deficit in five years; this does not reflect the fact that UVM will have up to 7000 spectators at sporting events. As the TEUC committee, I think you should be aware of that.
4. Recycling Cart Update
  - a. Rob Green, DPW presenting, see memo.
  - b. Discussion: Bushor how many carts do we need? Green: there 12,500 dwelling units, not everyone needs the large cart, but all of them need something. Bushor the random phone survey depending on the age and the number of people in the household. Green, The first questions we ask is age and things like that. Tracy you do not want to put out the message they are not available, can we let people know there are some available. Green we have information on the website available to residents. Tracy is there a way to order more given the lag time. Green I got behind and I don't have an excuse. The totes go quick.
5. Bike/Scooter Share Update
  - a. Rob Goulding, DPW and Nicole Losch, DPW presenting.
  - b. Discussion: Losch we are exploring scooter and ebike opportunities. We have not signed any contracts. We are planning further public engagement in April. This is very much a work in progress. Bushor during ward 1 NPA meeting there was information which was inaccurate and that residents feel like the decision has already been made. I don't get a good feel for a cohesive program, have we brought the bike businesses in? I think we should use our local businesses. Losch we selected gotacha through a proposal process; UVM, Champlain College and the CCRPC had a process for selecting and gotcha was the organization which was selected. J, we have been looking at bike share since 2010 and we did try and work with local bike shops. We have had several public meetings on this issue. We have looked at placement so that commuters are thinking about the first and last mile. We want the scooters to be used as part of the commute. Bushor no one wants the scooters on the sidewalk and the bike path, the only thing motorized should be a wheelchair. I am feeling uncomfortable with the timeline. Hartnett is there a national report out on scooters and ebikes? Are we approaching this with an open mind? Tracy local motion is interested

with big caveats, safety is the most important thing. We need to limit this, there needs to be some good ordinance writing around this issue. The geo fencing needs to be tested. Should we be issuing tickets, and how do we enforce that? This needs to be well thought out before we allow the scooters to flood the market. Losch we have been talking to other cities around ordinance and other issues so we have a clear path forward. Hartnett can we say no to this or are we too far down the road? J, the initial bike share was a pilot; now that this has grown into the next stage. As far as the commission, nothing has been brought to the commission. We do not want the scooters to live all over the place. Losch we are interested in ebikes as another option for transportation; this will be another draw to bikes, if scooters launch this year it would strictly be a pilot. We do not have a specific number of bikes or scooters.

6. **Narrow Streets Update**

- a. Phillip Peterson, DPW presenting
- b. 10-minute duration
- c. Action: Informative, no action needed.

7. **Pedestrian Request Update**

- a. Phillip Peterson, DPW presenting
- b. 10-minute duration
- c. Action: Informative, no action needed.

8. March 21, 3/21

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10. Agreed to do update in March

11. Presents background info in PPT presentation

12. Occupancy has gone down on some streets, including Germain. Surmises people are using driveways.

13. **Bushor**: some don't have driveways; what streets were you looking at? Both streets?

14. **Tracy**: trying to assess displacement

15. PP: clarifies that we adjusted for the parking that is disallowed.

16. Hartnett: did different times of year play a role? But you didn't hear from people, that's a good sign.

17. Tracy: didn't come up when I went out door knocking as an issue.

18. Bushor: did you talk to anyone on Archibald? I did see cars on Archibald, saw people walking

19. PP: continue to collect data

20. PP: presents Charles and Russell recycling truck issue; shows scf issue

21. PP presents timeline

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24. **Hartnett**: Russell/Charles are top priority. They park on both sides, heavily used on both sides. I think it should be one sided parking in general.

25. Bushor: So, this year, you are focused on just those two?

26. PP: we'll collect data on all remaining 19 streets

27. Tracy: Neighbor conflicts as some don't have driveways.

28. Bushor: This is the problem with an older city. We need to think about all of these things.

29. PP: on Germain, the cars went somewhere

30. Hartnett recommends another neighborhood meeting to learn how it worked firsthand.

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34. **PEDESTRIAN REQUEST UPDATE**

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36. PP presents PPT

37. Bushor asks if she can know today how many crosswalk requests today

38. PP: 19 today.

39. Bushor: is the list supposed to be added, or are these annual #'s inclusive

40. PP: prior to a certain period, i'm not sure. But we have addressed some to reduce the overall amount.

41. Bushor: what does the DPW line item include; what about your time, why isn't that included

42. PP: didn't break that out

43. Bushor: asks if the Colchester slide refers to 1 or 2 crosswalks
44. PP: 2
45. Hartnett: is 5 the right amount on North Ave. just want to make sure this isn't overdone on North Av.
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47. B: is there something we can do to make the timeline to get crosswalks smaller; coming into budget season.
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49. PP: some of it is budget; we also need a recipe/flowchart to ensure we meet requirements. Don't have all clarity due to VTrans guidelines that we are trying to work through.
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51. B: the two sidewalks you pointed out are not crowd pleasers. They didn't ask for these. They asked for one on East Ave. Perception is that these are for the Lake Monsters and a ped-activated light by the hospital (probably UVM). Probably linked to infrastructure money we had to give them, re: Board of Finance. Things drop from the sky and other things become unaddressed.
52. N: the two on Colchester came from Colchester Av corridor study.
53. B: Fletcher is odd location.
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**59. Water Resources Staffing Assessment**

- a. Megan Moir, DPW see presentation
- b. Discussion: MM, the staff engineer's position is important because there would be a need for replacing staff as folks retire. We can look at opportunities for limited service for new staff, but we should not box ourselves in.

**60. Councilors' Update**

- a. Hartnett, I have been critical of DPW, and I do generalize. I respect everyone that works at DPW from Chapin all the way down. Tracy, auto send of agendas for emails, do we have that; is it possible to auto notify people. Maintenance of the greenway is important; if we are going to put things in, we need to maintain things.

**61. Adjourn (meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm)**