

**Resolution Relating to**

North Winooski Avenue Parking Management Plan and Bike Lane Installation

**RESOLUTION** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s): Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF BURLINGTON**

In the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two .....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

- 1 That WHEREAS, the City Council’s March 9, 2020 Resolution relating to the Winooski Avenue
- 2 Transportation Study identified interim improvements for North Winooski Avenue that would advance the
- 3 Study’s corridor vision; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the resolution was informed by the unanimous recommendation of a fourteen-member
- 5 Project Advisory Committee that met over the course of eighteen months and heard from hundreds of
- 6 members of the public before making their recommendation to add separate bicycle facilities the length of the
- 7 corridor; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the resolution directed the removal of parking to make way for separated bike facilities in
- 9 both directions for the entire Winooski Avenue corridor, which the resolution stated would be implemented
- 10 for South Winooski Avenue in 2020, and North Winooski Avenue in 2021; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the interim improvements process laid out in the resolution also included a joint City
- 12 Council-Stakeholder Committee (Committee) that would review and approve a North Winooski Avenue
- 13 Parking Management Plan (NWPMP) prior to the installation of dedicated bike lanes in both directions
- 14 between Pearl Street and Riverside Avenue; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the City Council resolved that the NWPMP would identify practical strategies for
- 16 balancing parking supply and demand north of Pearl Street, with the goal of meeting essential parking needs
- 17 while freeing up space for bike lanes; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the NWPMP study area included all of North Winooski Avenue and the side streets one
- 19 block from the corridor; and
- 20 WHEREAS, parking supply and demand north of Pearl Street was based on pre-pandemic parking
- 21 counts, direct community feedback through a web-based survey and Committee meetings, and national
- 22 parking models for site-specific parking demand; and
- 23 WHEREAS, essential parking needs were identified as those to access social services, park within one-
- 24 block for residential parking, loading for businesses, and visitors to businesses; and

25 WHEREAS, the NWPMP recommended practical strategies to balance on-street parking through time-  
26 limited parking regulations, tactics to reduce demand, and off-street opportunities for shared parking; and

27 WHEREAS, the NWPMP recommended phased implementation to include the section north of Union  
28 Street, with the existing southbound bike lane on North Winooski Avenue remain paired with the northbound  
29 bike lane on North Union Street; and

30 WHEREAS, by a vote of 4 to 3 the Committee approved a motion stating that the NWPMP fails to  
31 meet essential parking needs for residents, businesses, and service providers; and

32 WHEREAS, the Committee recommended parking removal be paused while the Department of Public  
33 Works (DPW) obtains signed agreements for shared off street parking, improve transit with 15-minute  
34 headways and amenities, pilot a bike lane north of Union Street, improve crosswalks and signage with  
35 repaving, and present a new NWPMP in collaboration with low-income and immigrant-owned businesses,  
36 social service agencies, and tenants; and

37 WHEREAS, the Committee recommendations conflict with the unanimous recommendations of the  
38 Project Advisory Committee and also conflict with the March 9, 2020 City Council Resolution and therefore  
39 new guidance is required for the City's work along North Winooski Avenue;

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NWPMP City Council-Stakeholder Committee  
41 completed its work and the City Council gratefully acknowledges and thanks the volunteer members of the  
42 Committee for their year-long efforts; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City formally request the Vermont Agency of Transportation  
44 (VTrans) push back the paving schedule of North Winooski Avenue between Union Street and Riverside  
45 Avenue until 2023 to allow the community additional time to prepare for the interim improvements; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City provide up to \$15,000 of seed funding, allocated from the  
47 FY'22 City Council Initiatives fund, for businesses and non-profits north of Union Street to implement,  
48 expand, or access transportation demand management (TDM) services; and

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DPW request the engagement of the Chittenden Area  
50 Transportation Management Association (CATMA) to assist participating businesses and non-profits in  
51 developing their TDM services; and

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council recommend funding be allocated from the  
53 Traffic Fund to operate, at a minimum, the Green Mountain Transit City Loop fare-free by July 1, 2023; and

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council request the DPW staff continue to be available at  
55 the request of North Winooski businesses and non-profit organizations north of Union Street to further explore  
56 off-street parking options; and

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DPW should advance the implementation of bike lanes in both  
58 directions on North Winooski Avenue north of Union Street in coordination with the 2023 VTrans paving  
59 project with a target completion of September 2023; and

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests DPW proactively engage stakeholders  
61 along North Winooski Avenue north of Union Street, with a particular emphasis on businesses owned by  
62 Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, to develop recommended regulatory changes for the remaining  
63 on-street parking spaces north of Union Street that best balance the needs of the corridor’s various  
64 stakeholders.

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