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MEMORANDUM

TO: Development Review Board
FROM: Burlington Planning Commission
DATE: Wednesday, April 09, 2014
RE: CATMA 2014-2019 JIPMP

This memo provides the Burlington Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the Draft 2014-2019 Joint Institutional Parking Management Plan (JIPMP) presented by CATMA. The Commission heard a presentation by CATMA and discussed this proposal at our meetings on 11 and 25 March, and 8 April.

As you are aware, the Commission's review of this Plan falls under the provisions of the *Burlington Comprehensive Development Ordinance*, Article 8, with regard to Institutional Parking Management Plans. Pursuant to Sec. 8.3.4, the role of the Commission is to provide comments to the Development Review Board regarding a proposed IPMP's satisfaction of the following criteria:

- a. *the proposed Institutional Parking Plan adequately serves existing and proposed development by the institution(s);*
- b. *the proposed Institutional Parking Plan more effectively meets the intent of this Article and the goals of the municipal development plan than would strict adherence to the underlying requirements of this Article.*

It is the opinion of the Commission that the proposed *2014-2019 Joint Institutional Parking Management Plan* (JIPMP) clearly and fully satisfies the requirements of Sec. 8.3.4, and we unanimously recommend your approval.

The JIPMP clearly demonstrates that treating institutional parking demand comprehensively is a more sensible approach than requiring parking on a use-by-use or site-by-site basis. Even with anticipated future development, the JIPMP is projecting there to be a surplus of 745 parking spaces across all three institutions in 2019.

In the more than 2 decades since CATMA was created, it has been successful at significantly reducing both parking demand and SOV trips to the 3 hill institutions. This has reduced traffic congestion and off-site parking impacts, provided substantial support for alternative modes such as CCTA and CarShare VT, and allowed for more compact campuses through the redevelopment of former surface parking lots.

In our review of the plan and discussion with CATMA we discussed ways to further improve outcomes in getting more individuals to use transit and expand the mode shift away from SOV trips. The Commission also recommended consideration of new initiatives that would encourage and support employees to live closer to their work and eliminating the need to drive to work all together.

Feel free to contact me or the Planning Staff (Sandrine or David) should you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.