

BTC Redevelopment Meeting for Area Businesses  
Thursday, July 20, 2017

Introduction and welcome by Noelle MacKay, Director of the Community & Economic Development Office.

Overview of Encumbrance Permit process by Norm Baldwin, City Engineer. The Department of Public Works reviews the plan with the applicant and then recommends the plan to the full City Council. During the review process, DPW focuses on:

- Protecting the public from construction activities
- Securing the area in the public right of way
- Sensitivity to needs of adjacent property owners
- Construction schedule
- Workday schedule
- Adequate access for emergency services
- Meeting the needs of the applicant with the least obtrusive activity for those near the site
- Any impacts to transit service
- Routes for deliveries of construction material

Presentation of plans by Art Klugo, PC Construction Company. The full presentation may be found on the City's website at [www.burlingtonvt.gov/btvmall](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/btvmall). This was followed by a question and answer period.

**What are the planned hours of construction?**

The permit allows construction during the following hours:

7:00am-7:00pm, Monday-Friday

7:00am-4:00pm on Saturday

No construction on Sunday

In addition, the permit allows 24-hour operation up to 4 days per month with DPW and CEDO notice.

The contractor expects to utilize these periods when needed for purposes of completing key construction items such as concrete pours.

**Bank Street parking will be removed in Stage 1 between Saint Paul and Pine Streets to accommodate both the construction area and 2-way traffic. Will Bank Street parking be restored in Stage 2 (see presentation for information about project timeline)?**

Yes, Bank Street parking will be restored in Stage 2.

**Where will construction personnel park?**

While there remains room on the site, personnel will park onsite. Later, they will utilize specific contracted parking spaces and also shuttles from offsite.

**How will parking be accommodated when the mall garage is taken down?**

DPW is finishing improvements to the College Street garage, which has not been fully utilized due to this improvement work. It will be fully open this fall. Between the municipally owned College Street and Lakeview garages, there is capacity for 1,200 spaces. There is also substantial new capacity since UVM Medical Center vacated their downtown office space. The mall currently has about 500 spaces.

The project's new garage will have over 900 spaces, given the recent settlement.

**Will there be a pedestrian walkway at the Saint Paul right of way?**

There are currently no plans for that, given the extensive excavation work that needs to be done and the improvements in that right of way that must be constructed for the City. The project needs to utilize its own site as much as possible. Any space they give up there means they have to bump out further into Bank and Cherry Streets. North-south access will be enhanced (signage etc.) at the pedestrian path west of Macy's so that people can get to/from Bank and Church Street from Cherry without walking past the project.

**I'd like to see a public right of way on Saint Paul during construction as soon as possible.**

See above.

**What can we expect to see in terms of improvements on Cherry Street?**

There will be improvements on the north and south sides between Saint Paul and Pine Streets. The City is going through a process with the Great Streets initiative to standardize street design elements in the downtown, and the goal is to eventually get all eight blocks completed. The two new blocks of Pine and St. Paul Streets internal to the BTC parcel will be completed first. The City is working to determine the best course of action to coordinate the design and redevelopment of the existing 6 blocks and limit the impacts to adjacent property owners and businesses.

**How will DPW maintain Cherry Street during construction and mitigate the impact of construction on visitors and locals?**

DPW will evaluate and prepare a list of improvements that will seek to address the concerns expressed by hotel ownership and Cathedral Square regarding the existing condition of the roadway and sidewalk as a stop gap measure during this transitional period from now until the street is fully redeveloped.

**When will the BTC parking garage be available?**

It's hard to say since a start date for construction has not been finalized. Parking will come online as levels of the project and usages are completed, and information will be communicated as it becomes available.

**Next Steps**

The City will post questions and answers on this project as they come in, which can be found on CEDO's website at [www.burlingtonvt.gov/btvmall](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/btvmall).

The City will continue to communicate with business owners and the general public as more information becomes available regarding a start date for construction and other details regarding the redevelopment. The Burlington Business Association will also help disseminate information to businesses, and the website for the Department of Public Works will have information about construction impacts.

In the meantime, please reach out with questions at any time. You may contact Noelle MacKay, Director of CEDO, at 802-865-7174 or [nmackay@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:nmackay@burlingtonvt.gov) or Diana Colangelo, Projects and Policy Specialist, at 802-865-7187 or [dcolangelo@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:dcolangelo@burlingtonvt.gov).