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Burlington Planning Commission Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Notes

**Monday, May 2, 2016 at 5:30pm
Public Works Meeting Room, 645 Pine Street**

1. Announcements

M Tuttle announced the May 2 Council Meeting agenda included a vote on the predevelopment agreement for the Burlington Town Center mall.

2. planBTV: South End Plan

Staff provided a presentation on revisions to the Connectivity and Mobility elements of the draft plan. Discussion and feedback from the Committee and public included:

- Introduction to this section should be more explicit about making Pine Street less “car-centric.” This is also fundamental to reinforcing the Economic Development recommendations about recruiting employers and employees that want a multi-modal, mixed-use environment. Move the recommendations for walking and biking to the beginning of this section, to be followed by the recommendations about improving traffic and street connectivity.
- Expand discussion of streets reinforcing the neighborhood character to talk about streets as public places that build the image of neighborhoods.
- Under transit, add a discussion about carpool/car share as a mode of transit that can complement other modes discussed here. Emphasis is really on reducing SOV’s.
- Discuss problems with localized flooding here or in the stormwater section, discuss flooding impact on the attractiveness of the corridor for bike commuting.
- Add Pine Street & Flynn Avenue intersection to list of areas to address traffic safety and congestion. Check on feasibility of emphasizing traffic mitigations at Maple & King—could be problematic due to Act 250 permitting.
- Talk about encouraging more bike infrastructure at schools.
- Rework text about Champlain Parkway to be simple and direct about role of the Parkway design in this planning process. Not an endorsement of the design—in fact, the design of the Parkway is not consistent with the vision of this plan, and that there are other creative ideas for connectivity and the use of land where the parkway will go. However, expanded connectivity and linkages are critical. There will be challenges and opportunities, but the plan recognizes the realities of the Parkway’s design, and other projects such as REP, and goal is to make sure that it fits within the plan’s framework.

- Consider walking path between Lakeside neighborhood and Champlain Elementary— maybe as part of a linear park following Englesby Brook.
- City should adopt a policy or prepare a management plan regarding salt use on roadways and impact on chloride levels in Lake Champlain. This is next major impact on Lake after phosphorus.

3. Adjourn

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 11 at 12pm at SEABA.