

The Burlington District Office and the Physical Activity & Nutrition Program of the Vermont Department of Health would like to submit a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of planBTV South End. The complete HIA, based on feedback from community stakeholders will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Zoning for the City. Additionally, we would like to make the following recommendations on specific sections of the draft plan that incorporate health more explicitly.

p.36 Welcome to the Maker’Hood: **Our Plan for the South End:**

In the sentence beginning with: “The first section is focused on policies and practices for guiding future improvements...” we recommend a reference to health. Suggested: “...recipes for sustaining economic development, preserving arts and affordability, improving open spaces and adding more, **cultivating a health in all policies approach**, proactively managing challenges associated with brownfields and stormwater and continuing to engage sensitive questions...”

p.38 then let it rise...5 Steps to Economic Development

Addition to “Plan BTV outlines a strategy to:”

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In the paragraph that follows – also add... “Efforts must also address the expansion needs of industrial businesses that may pose conflicts with nearby residential uses assuring that the physical and mental health of the community be .”

p.44 Choices for Every Palate

Edit, last sentence in first paragraph: “After all, creating a **safe**, more inviting environment to walk, ride a bike or ride the bus is essential **to the health and wellbeing of residents** and to the continued vitality and livability of the South End.”

p.46 More Connectivity

“Street connectivity and smaller block sizes have numerous benefits for all modes of transportation, plus additional economic benefits. A redundant street network is a step toward greater resiliency.

Expanding active transportation options and increasing bus service provides options for all but particularly for vulnerable populations such as low-income , the elderly, people who have disabilities and children enhancing their access to recreation, social interactions, services and healthy food.

p.50 “Provide improved public access to existing parks, better linking parks to Pine Street **and consequently, better linking people to green space and recreational opportunity.**”

p.57 More housing could bring benefits to us all, including:

Add “retirees” or “seniors” to the first bulleted item addressing choices at different stages of life.

“More trips that can be taken on foot or via bike so **that physical activity is built into daily life and area businesses would need less parking.** “