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Agenda

- Review of Project Scope and Schedule
- Project Background
- Potential Siding Locations
- Site Evaluation Criteria
- Next Steps
Project Scope

Identify an overnight storage and servicing location for the future Amtrak passenger train in the greater Burlington area.

Schedule

- Kick-Off Meeting  
  Completed – August 2017

- Identification of Locations  
  Completed – October 2017

- Project Update / Public Input  
  Tonight

- Complete Site Evaluation  
  November

- Identification of Preferred Alternative  
  December / January

- Final Schematic Plan and Technical Memo  
  January
Project Background

- Amtrak anticipated to come to Burlington in 2020 as an extension of the Ethan Allen Express train line
  - New York City → Albany → Castleton → Rutland → Middlebury → Burlington

- Anticipated Train Schedule: 8 PM arrival and 7 AM departure

- Train will be stored and serviced overnight in Burlington
  - Crew will be lodged overnight in Burlington
Train Storage Alternative Locations

1. North of Waterfront (Urban Reserve)
2. Burlington Train Station
3. Vermont Rail System Railyard
4. Flynn Avenue/Briggs Street
North of Waterfront (Urban Reserve)

Location #1

- Existing second track located north of proposed station
  - Requires upgrades, possible reconstruction
- Track controlled by New England Central Railroad (Genessee & Wyoming)
- Located on grade with steep drop off
- Close to proposed station and crew accommodations
Urban Reserve
Burlington Train Station

Location #2

- Siding at or next to proposed station
- Highly accessible
- Proximate to crew accommodations
- Bike path relocation necessary
Burlington Train Station
Vermont Rail System Railyard

Location #3

- Railyard is currently at capacity
- Open space is used for storage
- Active freight movements can cause congestion for Amtrak
- Close to proposed station and crew accommodations
Flynn Avenue / Briggs Street

Location #4

- Use existing second track or construct third track
- Existing second track is used for freight train storage
- Nearby residential neighborhood and new City Market
- Over 1 mile from proposed station
Site Evaluation Criteria

- Property Impacts
  - Private Property, Railroads

- Bike Path Impacts

- Proximity to residential neighborhoods
  - Noise and Visual Impacts

- Natural Resource Impacts

- Constructability

- Lighting Impacts

- Vehicle Accessibility

- Water and Sewer Connections

- Proximity to off-site accommodations

- Three-Phase Power Access

- Storage Space
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Thoughts on Train Storage Alternatives?

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