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**Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2018 5:30 PM**

**Burlington Department of Public Works – Front Conference Room**  
**645 Pine Street – Burlington, VT**

**–AGENDA–**

**1. Agenda**

- a. Councilor Tracy called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm

**2. Public Forum**

- a. None offered

**3. Minutes of 01/23/2018**

- a. Councilor Dean moved for a motion on the minutes, Councilor Tracy moved to approve the minutes and Councilor Tracy seconded. All in favor.

**4. Snow Fighting Operations – 10 minutes**

- a. Rob Green; North Union Street and a general update. Overall, winter was not too bad, we did have a few bouts with ice. We are not over budget on salt and that is the way I usually gauge how our winter is going. We have been using a brine in some spots. Snow fighting has been fairly uneventful. We have a limited amount of personnel for larger commercial plows, however we have been able to fill in with the sidewalk plows.

North Union Street was not that difficult to maintain. However, we had several complaints from residents due to the awkwardness of the bike-lane. Overall the bike lane was maintained pretty well. Typically, independent plow truck drivers, plowing private driveways would mess up our work. We have been able to work through our problems. I am hoping we are done with snow fighting. Hopefully we will be conducting street sweeping operations. Challenges, we are limited on our mechanics. We spend a tremendous amount of time to clear the sidewalks; we do a really good job.

Dean: Why do you use the brine? We try and use it as much as we can. We need to get a little more pet friendly over time. The brine product is a little more expensive. We will do more experimentation next year and see what we can do.

Ali: how many trucks do we have. We have 10 large trucks, and 2 small trucks. We have 12 tractors. Some of our equipment is brand new to 13-14 years old.

Ali: we are all very appreciative of the work you do.

Max: The Union bike lane. My concern is, if we lose some of the driver knowledge are we documenting our efforts? We try and keep the drivers on the same route as much as possible. We are looking at new ways to do our work all the time. There will be some more learning curves with the drivers. The color of the flex post (white) make them difficult to see. Nicole is looking at different options. We may need a dedicated street worker for the bike lanes.

Dean: how is the decision made to change bike lanes? We discuss things from an operational standpoint. However, the addition or removal of the bike lanes would require a more public process.

#### **5. planBTV Walk Bike Implementation Update – 10 minutes**

- a. Nicole Losch, see planBTV Walk Bike Implementation Update
- b. Dean: will you be checking with the NPA's? We have discussed the construction outreach; we plan to do outreach at individually NPA's to discuss the full suite of projects. We are looking for a couple of different ways to communicate what is going on.

Dean: I would suggest you over-communicate especially to the steering committees. What is planned at Mansfield Avenue? We are considering expanding the sidewalk, the asphalt sidewalk is on a list of repairs; we are coordinating the work to create a full path.

Ali: You should try and do as much outreach as possible. Implementation of bike lane is good, but we need to do something about bike safety. What are the processes we need to implement better bike safety? The Walk Bike plan does have some chapters on training and safety, we are focused on the engineering improvements; however, we have many non-engineering plans as well. The RRFB's will be constructed on North Avenue.

Max: Very excited about the Winooski corridor study, I would be happy to help get information out. We would like someone from DPW to come to the April NPA for the Old North End. We will make a commitment to make it to every NPA in the City of Burlington.

Max: can you send a list of the sidewalk that are going to be worked on?

Ali: Farrington Parkway and Goss Court, where is the speed checkers? Can we put those back?

#### **6. Paving Update – Additional Streets – 5 minutes**

- a. Chapin Spencer presenting, see Paving Update memo.
- b. Ali: What we need to focus on is prevention. Isn't it better to do the work before winter starts, is it funding or logistics? We have strengthened our preventative maintenance, we started doing crack sealing, we started doing reclaim, and we are coordinating with other utilities. The streets that have

big problems are unpredictable. Our investigation has uncovered subbase problems on Pine Street in particular.

Chapin: the problem with North Avenue is that there is a concrete subbase, which is why there is longitudinal cracking.

Dean: You have a pretty good handle on what you can accomplish this season. It will be tough to get all this work done.

**7. Champlain Parkway Update – 5 minutes**

- a. Chapin Spencer are there particular things the TEUC wants to hear about. Clear talking points for the
- b. Champlainparkway.com is a great resource. There is online interactive map as well, Spring of 2019 is our hopeful start date We are dealing with ROW acquisition. And lightly contaminated soils with the state. Much of the property was acquired decades ago. To be able to acquire there needs to be a necessity hearing with a 30-day notice, one will be a site visit and the other will there will need to be a city council meeting. There will need to be a statement of necessity. Our city engineer presented a request for a policy on how we handle encroachments in the PROW. We have general support to move ahead on that.
- c. Ali: Would there be a lease? There would be a need for an agreement to allow contractors to work on private property.

**8. Councilors' Update**

- a. Max Tracy: I would like an update on Booth Street.
- b. Ali: Speed tracker for Goss Court and Farrington Parkway, we will have to check with the traffic division, we can get an update on that.

**9. Adjourn**

- a. Councilor Dean motioned to adjourn and Councilor Tracy seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.