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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Tuesday, May 16, 2018 5:30 PM

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

–AGENDA–

Members Present: Councilor Max Tracy, TEUC Chairperson Councilor Sharon Bushor, TEUC Member David Hartnett, TEUC Member Joan Shannon, City Counselor Richard Deane, City Counselor

City Staff Present: Chapin Spencer, DPW Patrick Mulligan, DPW Phillip Peterson, DPW Laura Wheelock, DPW Robert Goulding, DPW Norm Baldwin, DPW Kirsten Shapiro, CEDO

Residents Present: See Attendance Sheet

1. Agenda

- a. Councilor Tracy called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

2. Minutes of 05/01/2018

- a. Councilor Bushor moved for a motion on the minutes. All in favor.

3. Public Forum

- a. None provided

4. Winooski River Bridge Scoping Report and Alternative Selection

- a. Chapin Spencer presenting,
- b. 5-minute duration
- c. We will be coming to a future TEUC meeting to inform the TEUC of the progress that is being made.
- d. Bushor: All you be reporting on the interim safety things on the Riverside area of the bridge?
- e. Chapin: There are some challenges given the slopes; nevertheless we hope to have information on safety.

- f. Bushor: There are major safety issues at this intersections, there was a pedestrian fatality on Colchester Ave several years ago.
 - g. Action: Informative, no action needed.
- 5. Bank and Cherry Streets Public Improvements – presentation of concept designs for approval and recommendation to City Council**
- a. Kirsten Merriman-Shapiro and Laura Wheelock
 - b. 30-minute duration
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Max: Curbless on Bank, is it at grade?
 - ii. Laura: Yes, that is correct.
 - iii. Bushor: What is the purpose of the super sharrow cycle markings? I find the markings to be confusing.
 - iv. Bushor: What does a non-typical sidewalk look like?
 - v. Laura: Scoring the sidewalk, will direct people. It is an aesthetic pattern that separates pedestrians, vehicles and bicycles.
 - vi. Hartnett: Why are we going curbless on Bank?
 - vii. Norm: The traffic volumes are low enough that we are comfortable doing this. A curbless street is an effective traffic calming device.
 - viii. Bushor: Why is there not a dedicated bike lane?
 - ix. Kirsten: It is not just about parking, one of the things has to deal with street dimensions, it takes away from stormwater areas and the pedestrian zones.
 - x. Baldwin: There is no connectivity from other cycle facilities. To get the amount of space needed, we would be eating in to other needs.
 - xi. Bushor: Cherry Street has a lot of off street parking, so that is not a factor, we had some conversation about Pearl and Main should be committed to bike lanes, other options should be explored on these side streets.
 - xii. Bushor: The curbless design, do the businesses on the street meet their needs? What do they think?
 - xiii. Kirsten: We have spoken to some businesses and the idea seems popular. The curbless Street will make Bank feel like part of the Church Street marketplace area. There has been quite a bunch of outreach.
 - xiv. Hartnett: I like the curbless street concept. It is an excellent traffic calming effect. It will support pedestrian movement. I think it strikes a great balance. I think it will be well accepted at the City Council. Let's support this and get this to the City Council.
 - xv. Deane: The overlook terraces, are you suggesting they will be built out right away?

- xvi. Kirsten: Some will be built right away, near the corner of Cherry and Battery there will be an opportunity to sit and relax, and add greenspace. We will be reluctant to put out tables and chairs unless we have some kind of business partner to manage them.
- xvii. Baldwin: We need to be mindful of cost, given the slopes. We want a field of choices, for public spaces that can be used.
- xviii. Laura: All of these ideas are concepts, anything put into the public ROW must be licensed.
- xix. Bushor: How many trees are there along both of these streets?
- xx. Laura: There is a curb for the tree wells, and they will be granite curbs.
- xxi. Deane: There are two bus berths in front of the Marriot.
- xxii. Kirsten: They are currently loading zones.
- xxiii. Shannon: I like the curbless design, the sharrows (the bike designation) can be confusing, but I do think they will work well here. Do we have the flexibility to change the configuration?
- xxiv. Kirsetn: There are many different ways we could organize Bank Street.
- xxv. Chapin: There are fixed things we cannot move, however the curbless street grants us some flexibility.
- xxvi. Shannon: We should be working with the local business with the tables and chairs. I am here because of my reservations about the parking on Main Street. If we cannot find an agreement to a loss of parking on Main Street for cycle facilities.
- xxvii. Hartnett: I like that this plan is very senior friendly. I think this is a well balanced plan.
- xxviii. Shannon: The Church Street Marketplace wants a specific designation, what are the thoughts on the designation.
- xxix. Chapin: Church Street is a pedestrian friendly area, the great street standards fit well with the Marketplace area.
- xxx. Tracey: Where are the locations of the bike parking?
- xxxi. Kirsten: These are conceptual plan, and they are in flux. We will have bike parking, but it needs to go through a process.
- xxxii. Tracey: It would be helpful to understand what the bike parking will look like? It is important to not gloss over bike parking.
- xxxiii. Kirsten: We do show bike parking in many places, but these are concepts plans.
- xxxiv. Tracey: Are there any spaces for non-regulated bulletin boards? Please address this at City Council.
- xxxv. Laura: We will hopefully have two on each street, and we will have conceptually plans for City Council.

- xxxvi. Tracey: Please illuminate what trees are being removed and why. I would like to hear more about storm water treatment on a curbless street. I appreciate all the work staff have done. I like the curbless street design. I would like to see a bike lane on Cherry and curbless street on Bank. It's not quite there for me, because of a lack of bike lane. The sharrows are helpful, but we should have a protected bike lane. We need to improve and go further than Plan Bike Walk BTV, we need to embrace opportunities to increase facilities. Given that there is not a protected facility, and a lack of other facilities on adjacent streets, it's difficult for me to support the design. Our track record for bike facilities is not great.
- xxxvii. Bushor: We are going to look at City Hall Park. We have to approve concepts, but it's not a finished product. Who gets to look at the final design? The details really do matter
- xxxviii. Kirsten: We are looking for concept design approval. There is a tremendous amount of other things involved.
- xxxix. Tracy: opportunity for extending facilities during rebuilds; no guarantees of future facilities on other streets (Main, etc.); protected lanes will be heavy lifts; hard for me to give on this if future process is still open and deals are still being cut; will not support tonight and hopeful designs will continue working out.
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- xli. Bushor: Dave and I will look at CHP. As Councilor, we are asked to approve concepts, often with "meat on them", but are disappointed on how final design details turn out. I will support this tonight to move it forward, but will it come back and who looks at final design details (bumpouts, trees, amenities)? Details matter and don't want to be caught off-guard. What are next steps after Monday CC? I don't want public to feel let down by me or process
- xlii.
- xlili. Kirsten: per development agreement with BTC, we need to provide 30% design by June 30. Asking for conceptual approval. Counts are approximate. If and when we get approval, further study of utilities and planning (where do catch basins go), where do street lights wind up? Things may shift. Might have to move a tree.
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- xlv. Bushor: Who approves steps beyond 30%?
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- xlvii. K: City
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- xlix. B: Who?
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 - li. K: Council?
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 - liii. B: So, nobody gets to weigh in after 30%? I've been burned by pretty pictures and final designs. Is there any stop by the wayside at 50% or so to check in? Want to know how many trees are getting taken down and "conceptual design" of replanting?
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 - lv. Deane: Is there a cost estimate milestone?
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 - lvii. Tracy: Ready for motion?
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 - lix. K reads motion
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 - lxi. B: I will recommend to move forward to CC and recommend they consider this. I am thinking of asking for an amendment that the design get brought back for presentation to council and public.
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 - lxiii. K: Maybe end of June is a good check in
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 - lxv. Hartnett: Can we make that a part of the motion
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 - lxvii. B: 75% design marker so that this can come back to council and presentation
 - lxviii. H: We would have two more opportunities now: at 30 and 75
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 - lxx. MOTION PASSES: Hartnett & Bushor (Tracy opposes)
 - lxxi.
 - lxxii. First Wednesday of each month at 5:30 as meeting
 - lxxiii.
 - lxxiv. Tracy: Winooski Scoping & potentially other items
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 - lxxvi. Hartnett: Future bike lanes will be coming forward. We need more idea on designs. If designated bike lanes will be part of street, we need clear idea of what they will look like. Current designs don't work.
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lxxviii. N: Moving Curb, etc may be necessary. Aesthetic is important.

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lxxx. H: Not opposed to north and south bike lanes.

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lxxxii. N: need to have courage to have space properly sized.

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lxxxiv. H: understand it is a given to have bike lanes, but need clear idea of what they will look like

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lxxxvi. B: some streets don't lend themselves to what you're referring to, but connectivity is important

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lxxxviii. N: Main and Pearl are mobility streets

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xc. T: i want to discuss bike lane maintenance, but will address that offline

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xcii. MOTION TO ADJOURN: UNANIMOUS

- d. Action: Counselor Bushor moves for approval Counselor Hartnett seconds, (Counselor Tracey-no, Counselor Bushor-yes, Counselor Hartnett-yes) Recommend approval of Bank and Cherry Streets Public Improvements Concept Designs to City Council, and that there will be a presentation to City Council at 30% and 75% of design

6. Scheduling Future Meetings, First Wednesday of each month at 5:30 as meeting

7. Councilors' Update

8. Adjourn

- a. Councilor Tracy motion to adjourn, Councilor Bushor Seconded; 6:46.