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Dear Colchester Ave Residents, Business Owners, and Property Owners:

Colchester Avenue is a popular corridor frequented by residents, students, emergency vehicles, UVM and Green Mountain Transit buses, and commuters to and from Winooski. Since Colchester Avenue is a busy corridor year-round, it is important that the street has an adequate travel lane width for all those who use it.

Travel lanes on Colchester Ave between East Ave and Greenmount Cemetery are currently about 9 ft wide, well below our standard of 11 ft on corridors of this type. Public Works has heard from residents whose cars have been damaged while parking on this stretch of Colchester Ave. We believe the narrow travel lanes are contributing to these incidents.

Public Works has identified this section of Colchester Ave to be a constrained roadway and we are gathering data to understand the safety implications of this condition. Colchester Avenue is a priority corridor for Burlington because:

- It is a main emergency services route
- It is a main route for City and University buses
- Residents' parked cars have been damaged along the route

Public Works values all road users and works hard to create an equitable, balanced transportation network. We also strive to include a wide range of voices and perspectives in all our decisions, especially from residents, business owners, and property owners that are directly impacted by local infrastructure changes.

We would like to hear from you. There are a number of ways to share your feedback:

- **Please join us at a Neighborhood Meeting on April 23rd at 6pm in the UVM Medical Center's McClure Lobby Conference Room to discuss and identify options to solve this problem. Free parking will be available in the McClure Garage, across from the McClure entrance.**
- This project will be first introduced at the April 16th Public Works Commission meeting. There will be a brief public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Based on the feedback we receive and data gathered, DPW staff will return to the May 15th Public Works Commission meeting to make a recommendation and seek a decision. The public will also have a chance to speak at that time. Public Works Commission meetings begin

at 6:30pm and are held at the Department of Public Works, 645 Pine St. Agendas are posted here in advance of the meetings: www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Commission/Agendas. Public feedback received by noon on May 8th will be shared with the Commission in advance of the May 15th Commission meeting. Feedback received after that time will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

- **Direct feedback can be shared anytime with dpwplanning@burlingtonvt.gov or 863-9094 x3.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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