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

In April 2017, City Council approved planBTV Walk Bike, Burlington's first comprehensive plan to improve walking and biking in Burlington, with the goal of making streets and travel safer. Hundreds of interviews were conducted with Burlington residents as part of the plan. Improving east/west roads in the South End was identified as a way to help safely connect fragmented bike networks and pedestrian infrastructure. Flynn Ave has the ability to act as an ideal connector street, bridging Oakledge Park and the waterfront with Pine Street and Shelburne Street.

To improve the connections identified in planBTV Walk Bike and coordinate work with water rehabilitation and repaving in 2019, a number of street improvements are proposed for Flynn Avenue (also see attached map):

- Between Shelburne Street and Pine Street, retain parking on the north side and add an eastbound bike lane (with shared lane markings westbound)
- Between Pine Street and Foster Street, formalize parking adjacent to the sidewalk on the north side, improve sidewalks on the north side, add curbing on the north side, and add bike lanes in each direction
- Still being evaluated: parking or bike lane options between Briggs Street and Foster street, and new crosswalks at Foster Street and at Richardson Street

In order to make room for the new bike lanes on Flynn Avenue, parking along the south side will be removed. Parking will still be available on the north side and on side streets, which branch off Flynn Ave in a grid to the south.

Burlington has a long history as a vibrant, progressive city. Just as we take care of our roads and sidewalks, we know that a safe, connected bike network has numerous health and economic benefits for our City.

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 will be three upcoming opportunities to share your feedback:

- The Ward 5 Neighborhood Planning Assembly is hosting a conversation about this proposal at their upcoming meeting on Thursday, March 21 beginning at 6:30pm at the City Market Community Room on Flynn Avenue. The meeting agenda will be available in advance at <http://bit.ly/Ward5NPA>
- Any recommendations to change on-street parking will be presented to the Public Works Commission for a decision at their meeting on Wednesday, April 17. Meetings begin at 6:30pm at 645 Pine Street and public comments are encouraged. The meeting agenda will be available in advance at <http://bit.ly/PWC-Agendas>
- 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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Flynn Avenue Parking and Bike Lane Proposal