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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joan Shannon, City Council President
Burlington City Councilors
Mayor Miro Weinberger

FROM: David E. White, AICP, Director of Planning & Zoning

DATE: Thursday, June 06, 2013

RE: Proposed Municipal Development Plan Amendment – **planBTV: Downtown and Waterfront Master Plan**

As you have heard and seen, **planBTV: Downtown and Waterfront Master Plan** is the result of the most comprehensive, energetic, creative, inclusive and responsive planning effort Burlington has ever seen. We have received and incorporated ideas and comments from thousands of residents, businesses, interest groups, and visitors over the past 18 months. The final product represents a community vision and consensus for the future of our downtown and waterfront - a vision that respects our past and builds upon our many assets for the benefit of future generations.

Like the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities that largely funded this effort, this project is the result of a collaborative partnership of several City Departments and many, many others who have greatly contributed their time and energies. This plan is also a compilation of many plans – plans developed by many people for many purposes over the years – woven together to bring into focus how to make the best use of our waterfront and downtown, and ensure they remain active and vital places for many years to come.

Final action to adopt this plan as an amendment to the City's Municipal Development Plan can take place after the close of the public hearing. In your packet is a resolution for such action for your consideration. Staff from our office will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support, and we look forward to turning our attention to putting this exciting vision into action!