

CHAMPLAIN PARKWAY

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the City has sought to develop alternative transportation routes into the downtown that removed through traffic from neighborhood streets and improved accessibility to downtown; and

WHEREAS, such efforts date to the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, one effort, formerly known as the Southern Connector and now known as the Champlain Parkway was intended to improve access to downtown, including the Waterfront, from the south and considerable expense has been extended to pursue this effort; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the project has been constructed and is currently unusable because it lacks a northern terminus; and

WHEREAS, the Champlain Parkway has been listed in the City's Municipal Plan and Transportation Plan as a project to be completed and provides public benefit through the reduction of commuter and truck traffic in neighborhoods along the southern section of Pine Street and provides continuous access to the Waterfront and downtown from the south; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint undertaking with the Federal Highway Administration, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and the City, and after years of studying and analyzing the project's potential impacts through the National Environmental Policy Act process, on January 13, 2010, the Federal Highway Administration selected the final project layout based on

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38 the 1979 Final Environmental Impact Statement and the 2009 Final Supplemental Environmental
39 Impact Statement; and

40 WHEREAS, the project must now receive an Act 250 permit before construction may
41 commence; and

42 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington Department of Public Works has planned a public
43 outreach effort to inform of the project as it is currently proposed and to receive feedback from
44 the City’s residents and the general public prior to submitting the Act 250 permit application for
45 the Champlain Parkway; and

46 WHEREAS, the outreach effort will involve four open public meetings located in
47 neighborhoods where the project is located, and will focus on the project’s impacts on mobility,
48 neighborhoods and communities, economic development, and environment and natural
49 resources;

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is
51 authorized to carry out the public outreach effort to further inform the public and to gather public
52 feedback on the project prior to completing and submitting the Act 250 permit application; and

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works, is authorized to
54 seek to obtain a Land Use Permit pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §6086 (Act 250).