







Railyard Enterprise Project
Steering Committee Meeting #4

Preliminary Review of Alternatives

July 9, 2013

# **Meeting Overview & Purpose**

- Welcome/Introductions/Public Comment Period
- Meeting Objective:
  - Inform Steering Committee of Related Initiatives and Project Status
  - Obtain Steering Committee Comments on Revised Alternatives
- Related Initiatives
  - Area Wide Planning Grant
  - Brownfield Economic Revitalization Alliance (BERA)
  - Future Phase II Site Investigations on VT Railway Property (acquired from Havey 12/2012)
- Railyard Enterprise Project Status
- Level of Analysis for the Railyard Enterprise Project, the EIS, and Beyond
- Review/Discuss Preliminary Alternatives
- Screening Criteria

# Purpose & Need StatementOutreach

- Curtis Lumber (June 10)
- VT Railway (June 19)
- Global Green (June 25-27)
- Adams (June 27)
- Bent Partnership (July 1)
- Albee (July 3)
- Havey (July 8)
- Revised Screening Criteria
- Revised Alternatives

The purpose of the Railyard Enterprise Project is to develop a network of multimodal transportation infrastructure improvements to...

- 1. Support economic development in the study area;
- 2. Improve livability of the surrounding neighborhoods;
- 3. Enhance travel connections for all modes between the Pine Street and the Burlington Waterfront;
- 4. Improve access to the Burlington Railyard.

# Level of Analysis - PEL Study + EIS

#### Planning-Stage 1

- Purpose & Need Statement
- Development of a Range of Schematic Alternatives (10-20+)
- Qualitative Screening of Alternatives
- Quantitative Evaluation
   Narrow Range of Schematic Alternatives to a Range of Viable Alternatives (e.g. 3-5) — Resource Evaluation
  - Railyard Impacts
  - Stormwater and Utili
  - Traffic Impacts
  - Cost Estimate
  - Recommended Preferred

#### **Environmental Impact Statement**

- For Range of Preferred Alternatives, Including No Build
- Field surveys (environmental, topography and ROW)
- 3D Alternative Design Plans
- In-Depth Environmental Review
  - Phase II Site Assessments
  - Historic/Archaeology
- Environmental Justice
- Recommended Alternative
- Record of Decision (FHWA acceptance)

#### Planning-Stage 2

- Multimodal Design Crite
- Development of Conception

# After the EIS....

# Preliminary Engineering

- Complete, detailed design plans for the project
- Permitting
- Right of way process
- Final Design
- Bidding
- Construction

# Preliminary Street Design Concepts/Issues

Burlington Complete Streets Guidance

Navigating the Mandatory Reporting Requirement of Act 34

Provided by the Department of Public Works



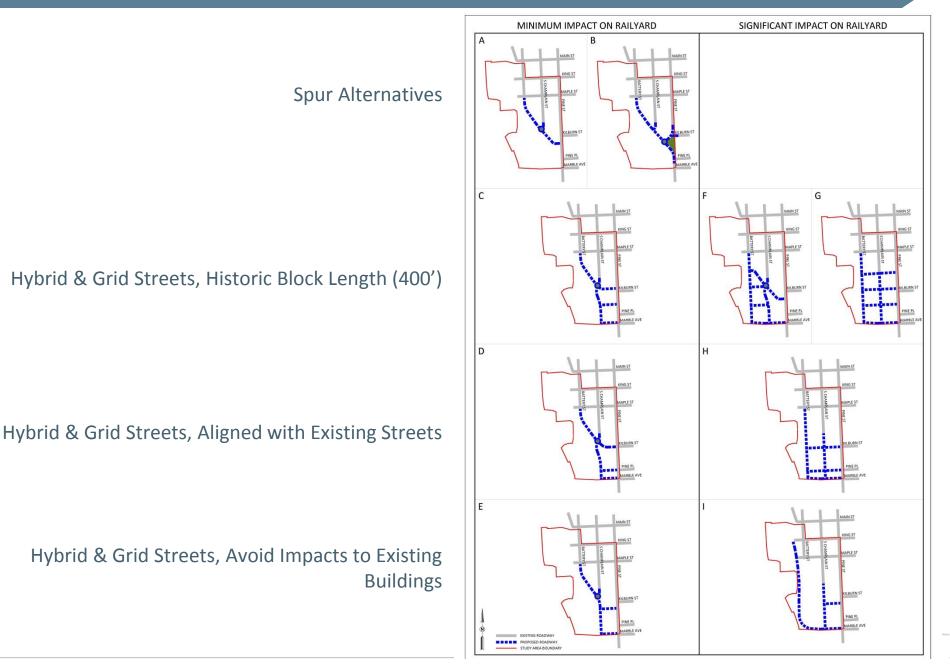
### City of Burlington Complete Streets Guidelines

- 60' right-of-way
- On-street bicycle lanes
- Sidewalks, both sides
- On-street parking

### Bicycle/Pedestrian:

- As part of new street cross-sections—Complete Streets
- New shared-use paths-connection to planned shared-use path on Pine Street
- Alternatives Include New Intersections with City Streets-Intersection Control (i.e. traffic signal, stop sign, roundabout) Not Yet Determined

# Framework for the Preliminary Alternatives



#### Railyard Enterprise Project Base Map



125 250 Railyard Enterprise Project - Base Map

#### **Consistency with Purpose & Need**

- 1. Deviation from historic block size (400') (Need #1)
- 2. New street frontage (feet)(Need #1)
- 3. Intersections Created (#) (Need #2 & #3)
- 4. New multimodal roadway links connecting existing neighborhoods with the Waterfront (y/n) (Need #2)
- 5. Brownfield Site Redevelopment Potential (y/n) (Need #1)
- 6. Impact on transit network (positive, neutral, adverse) (Need #3)
- 7. Impact on truck and other traffic through neighborhoods and /or Railyard access improved (positive, neutral, adverse) (Need #2 & #4)
- 8. Impact on Railyard operations (positive, neutral, adverse) (Need #4)

#### **Resource Impacts**

- 1. Species Impacts (#)
- 2. Hazardous Sites Potentially Impacted (#)
- 3. Historic Resource Impacts (#)
- 4. Archaeological Resource Impacts (#)
- 5. Private Property Impacts (# and square footage)

- Evaluation of Viable Alternatives (July September)
- Alternatives Presentation (November)
- Initial/Final Scoping Reports (December)
- NEPA Documentation, 2014

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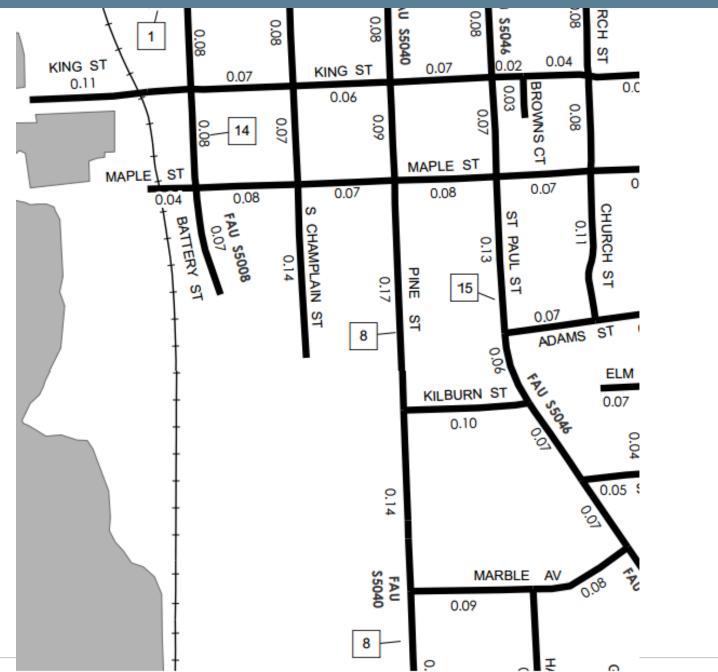
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**Project Web Site** 

http://www.ccrpcvt.org/transportation/scoping/railyardenterprise-project/

# Federal Aid Highways in Project Area



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