

**Resolution Relating to**

NORTH AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN

**RESOLUTION** 5.02

Sponsor(s): Transportation, Energy,  
Utilities Committee

Introduced: 10/06/14

Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

Action: amended; adopted

Date: 10/06/14

Signed by Mayor: 10/17/14

**CITY OF BURLINGTON**

In the year Two Thousand Fourteen .....

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

1 That WHEREAS, North Avenue is the primary transportation corridor connecting Burlington’s New North  
2 End with the rest of the city; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2011 the Burlington Transportation Plan was unanimously adopted by the City Council  
4 as a chapter of the Municipal Development Plan in which North Avenue is envisioned as a Complete Street,  
5 designed to accommodate safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicles and riders,  
6 and motorists; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2013 the City Council resolved to commence a planning study of the North Avenue  
8 corridor through the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission to study transportation issues between  
9 Plattsburg Avenue and North Street and to solicit public feedback on the preferred transportation  
0 improvements for the corridor; and

1 WHEREAS, an Advisory Committee with broad public participation was convened to represent the  
2 various members of the North Avenue community and guide the development of transportation improvements  
3 to the North Avenue corridor; and

4 WHEREAS, the North Avenue Corridor Study shaped by this public input presents a high-level plan  
5 for the future transportation infrastructure of North Avenue by evaluating existing and future corridor  
6 conditions, articulating the vision and goals for the corridor, developing and comparing design concepts and  
7 other recommendations, and offering a plan of conceptual projects to implement the vision; and

8 WHEREAS, the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee (TEUC) of the City Council has  
9 reviewed and supports the North Avenue Corridor Study recommendations that will achieve the corridor  
0 vision; and

1 WHEREAS, those recommendations are to be completed in stages: 1) short-term projects within one to  
2 three years, 2) medium-term projects within three to seven years, and 3) long-term projects in more than seven  
3 years; and

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24 WHEREAS, each concept listed below will be fully evaluated and designed through project  
25 development before implementation; and

26 WHEREAS, generally the short-term concepts will have minimal design and additional public  
27 process as required for regulatory changes or project benefit, medium-term concepts will need design and  
28 additional public process, and long-term concepts will require detailed evaluation, scoping, design, and  
29 additional public process; and

30 WHEREAS, the short-term pilot project and VT 127 short-term project will include comprehensive  
31 data collection plans (i.e. metrics) and intensive public outreach efforts (e.g. neighborhood meetings, online  
32 input tools, community surveys); and

33 WHEREAS, a North Avenue Task Force appointed by the City Council could foster a collaborative  
34 process for implementation of the North Avenue Corridor Study for all phases of project development,  
35 including data collection development, review of metrics, and public outreach development, to ensure the full  
36 cooperation of City Departments and community stakeholders and establish regular reporting mechanisms to  
37 the City Council;

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council directs the Department of Public  
39 Works (DPW), in coordination with the project area Councilors, to convene the North Avenue Task Force,  
40 such Task Force to include members of the Ward 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly, Ward 4 Neighborhood  
41 Planning Assembly, Ward 7 Neighborhood Planning Assembly, representatives of the Burlington Departments  
42 of Planning and Zoning, Community and Economic Development, Public Works, Police, and Fire, the  
43 Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), and Burlington School District; and one representative  
44 from each Ward (3,4,7) recommended by the project area Councilors and appointed by the Mayor; and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that metrics and community input will begin to be collected at the  
46 onset of the pilot project, to be fully reviewed and presented with staff recommendations 4 months into the  
47 pilot and again at the conclusion of the 4 – 3 lane pilot study. By its nature as a pilot study, if public input  
48 from the New North End does not support its continuation, the City will restore the 4-3 lane pilot area to its  
49 current configuration; and

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DPW keep the City Council’s Transportation, Energy, & Utility  
51 Committee and project area Councilors informed on a regular basis of the work of the North Avenue Task  
52 Force and that the Committee will in turn keep the Council informed of the work of the North Avenue Task  
53 Force; and

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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs DPW, in coordination with the North  
55 Avenue Task Force, to implement the recommendations of the North Avenue Corridor Study and present  
56 designs, findings, and recommendations to the Transportation, Energy, & Utility Commission and the Public  
57 Works Commission as appropriate; and

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the short-term implementation plan includes the following action:

- 59 - At all intersections, upgrade curb ramps to be ADA-compliant, add crosswalks on all approaches of  
60 signalized intersections, add audible pedestrian countdown timers with a minimum of five-second push-  
61 button activated Leading Pedestrian Interval, and bicycle facilities maintained through the intersections  
62 where they are provided in advance of intersections;
- 63 - Install new crosswalks (listed in order of priority) at Burlington College, Gosse Court, Killarney Drive /  
64 Village Green Drive, Green Acres / Cayuga Court, Ward Street;
- 65 - At Shore Road, increase pedestrian crossing times, add pedestrian-activated no right turn on red, and split  
66 phasing for Shore Road / Heineberg Road approaches;
- 67 - At Ethan Allen Shopping Center, increase pedestrian crossing times and add pedestrian-activated no right  
68 turn on red;
- 69 - At the VT 127 ramps, optimize the signal timing to achieve greater efficiency, close the high speed  
70 northbound ramp, remove the free-flow westbound right-turn movement, the gantry over North Avenue,  
71 and add gateway treatments;
- 72 - At Institute Road, fix motor vehicle detection, reduce the intersection footprint with paint, relocate the  
73 northbound bus shelter to north (far side) of the intersection, realign southbound sidewalk north of Institute  
74 Road, and add pedestrian-activated no right turn on red;
- 75 - a pilot project to include no parking at least on one side of North Avenue between Institute Road and VT  
76 127 ramps and between Shore Road and Plattsburg Avenue , buffered bike lanes between Washington  
77 Street and Institute Road, bike lanes between Institute Road and the VT 127 ramps, a 3-lane cross section  
78 with bike lanes between the VT 127 ramps and Shore Road, bike lanes between Shore Road and Plattsburg  
79 Avenue, and, as needed, replace drain grates with bike-friendly grates;
- 80 - Create up to three additional transit shelters at high ridership stops (pending funding) and larger shelters at  
81 Burlington High School; and
- 82 - where width and parking allow add buffering and protection for bikes lanes on both sides of North Ave. ;  
83 and

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84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Chief Administrative Officer  
85 for Administration send copies of this resolution to all the parties named herein.

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89 lb/EMB /Resolutions 2014/DPW - North Avenue Corridor Plan; Create North Avenue Task Force  
90 10/2/14 amended; adopted lo 10/06/14

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*As Amended*

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October 6, 2014

*[Signature]*

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Approved..... October 17, 2014

*[Signature]*

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**Attest:**

Lori Olberg

Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator

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