

Burlington Amtrak Overnight Train Storage and Servicing Study

Project Overview

The Amtrak Ethan Allen Express service, which currently runs between New York City and Rutland, is expected to be extended into Burlington in 2021 or 2022. The purpose of this study is to identify a location where the train can be stored overnight and serviced prior to the next morning's departure.

The following five sites proximate to Burlington's Union Station have been evaluated as potential locations.

1. The **Northern Urban Reserve** site is located adjacent to the Burlington Bike Path to the north of the skate and dog parks.
2. The **Urban Reserve** site is adjacent to the Burlington Bike Path and located directly to the east of the dog park.
3. The **Union Station** site is the station where the Amtrak train will be loading and unloading passengers.
4. The **Vermont Rail System Railyard** site, located south of Maple Street, is currently used for storage and servicing of trains.
5. The **Flynn Avenue Siding** site is located immediately adjacent to the City Market's new South End store.

Evaluation of these five sites has considered visual impacts, costs of design and construction, accessibility, impacts to current freight rail operations, compatibility with surrounding uses, and other factors. Potential noise impacts were an important concern at the onset of this project but the latest information has indicated that the engines will be equipped with new equipment that will result in the locomotives **no longer needing to idle overnight**.

Representatives from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, the City of Burlington, VTrans, and project consultant VHB will be presenting the results of the site evaluation at a public meeting on **Wednesday June 6th at 6:00pm at Burlington Department of Public Works**, located at 645 Pine Street.