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Scott Robertson
Vermont Agency of Transportation

Re: Fall 2023 VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant Application

Dear Mr. Robertson,

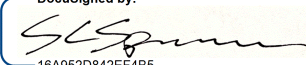
The City of Burlington has made significant progress on our walking and biking infrastructure in recent years. This has been in large part due to major grant contributions and assistance from VTrans.

In 2020, the City was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant to **Design / Construct a shared-use path along Lake Street** as recommended in the *2020 Lake Street Pedestrian, Streetscape, and Stormwater Feasibility Study*. Since this TAP award, the City has worked with the State to procure a design consultant and progress coordination with the New England Central Rail (NECR), as their rail interfaces with the path. With the progress made thus far, the City has a much stronger understanding of the remaining cost and work to complete this high priority project.

The additional funding that we are requesting will support rebuilding the railroad crossing of the path and road, which will improve access to the Waterfront path for all users of the street. This project will allow bicyclists and pedestrians to safely navigate both on- and off-street facilities and safely interface with vehicles and rail operations. This project will greatly improve the safety of people walking and bicycling as they access the Waterfront path, which thousands of people use per day.

We are fully committed to providing the local match and future maintenance for this project from our Street Capital Program. The City shares the Agency of Transportation's commitment and we are grateful for the opportunity to improve access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists within our Downtown District and continue to make vital connections for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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