



*a Volunteer Advisory Group to the City of Burlington's Dept of Public Works*

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Honorable Miro Weinberger, Mayor  
City Hall, Burlington, VT

Re: Planning Capacity at Department of Public Works

Dear Mayor Weinberger,

There's a lot on the docket for walk/bike planning in Burlington. **We are writing to ask the City to find the funds to increase staff capacity at the Department of Public Works to get it done.**

It's an important time for public works projects. We all share the goal of achieving Gold Level Walk- and Bike-Friendly Community status. With the planning required to implement the recommendations approved by City Council for North Avenue, leading the Walk/Bike Master Planning process, a host of new sidewalk construction projects and intersection and signal improvements, Mall redevelopment, and maintaining the existing infrastructure, DPW simply doesn't have enough staff to do the work.

**Please find the resources to support our hard-working Public Works staff by increase planning staff capacity at DPW in the FY16 budget.** The benefits will justify the cost many times over.

Sincerely,

*The Burlington Walk/Bike Council*

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