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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Burlington City Council  
Fr: Chapin Spencer, Director  
Norman Baldwin P.E., Assistant Director and City Engineer  
Re: **Champlain Parkway Project Update for the Necessity Hearing**  
Date: May 18, 2018

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**We respectfully request the City Council approve the following motion:**

- Based on the testimony and other evidence entered into the record during the necessity hearing, the City Council hereby finds that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City require the Champlain Parkway to be laid out or altered and the necessary property interests to be taken in accordance with the plans and descriptions presented as part of the record, subject to this Council's adoption of formal, written findings at its June 4, 2018 meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

We are providing this latest update on the Champlain Parkway Right-Of-Way acquisition process – securing the property rights (both permanent and temporary) to construct the project.

As has been described in previous memos, the Champlain Parkway design has become – through years of successful effort – a greatly improved project. Its two-lane multi-modal city street includes significant stormwater, bike/pedestrian, and traffic calming components so that the project will complement and foster the growing vitality of the South End well into the future. More background on the project can be found at [www.champlainparkway.com](http://www.champlainparkway.com).

**Right-Of-Way Acquisition Process:** There are a total of 50 properties where temporary or permanent rights need to be acquired for the construction of the Champlain Parkway. VTrans, who is leading the acquisition effort has sent offers to all of these property owners. As of May 18, 2018, there are 12 private properties which rights still need to be acquired from. Of the remaining 12 properties, 7 require only temporary rights to be secured for the construction phase. The summary of these remaining properties is attached. For Councilors who may have missed the work session we have also attached the memo on the Right-Of-Way acquisition process.

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On May 21, 2018 as part of the Necessity Hearing process, there will be a site visit by bus convening at City Hall at 5:30pm. Attached is the detailed agenda for this site visit.

Following the site visit, the Necessity Hearing will begin at 7pm at Contois Auditorium where we will be asking the Council to make a finding of Necessity for the Champlain Parkway project.

Feel free to contact us to discuss any of this in further detail.

CC: Matthew Hake, Division Administrator, VT Division of FHWA  
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