

RESOLUTION**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALIGNMENT AND CONCEPTUAL STREET TYPICALS
FOR THE GARDEN STREET PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Garden Street has long been recommended as a downtown City Center street and included in planning for City Center such as the Capital Improvement Program, current and draft Land Use Regulations and Comprehensive Plan, the Official Map, the Impact Fee Ordinance, the Market Street Environmental Assessment, the adopted South Burlington-City Center Tax Increment Financing District Plan, and is included in private sector projects most recently within the Trader Joe's development; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City authorized the City Manager to contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to complete the construction documents for Garden Street and associated City Center intersections; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the consultant team initiated the project definition phase of the project including the documentation of existing conditions, and

WHEREAS, community and stakeholder outreach was conducted including a site walkabout, a workshop, online material and property owner, committee and agency outreach to prepare the "Purpose and Need Statement" that was adopted by the Planning Commission and against which the options were vetted and culminated in public and additional stakeholder outreach in late winter to assess alignment and street typical alternatives (all in conformance with the draft form based codes street standards) including a workshop, an elementary school classroom exercise, and online; and

WHEREAS, the consultant team completed a draft project definition report which includes a recommended alignment (Exhibit A), a street typical alternative concept (Exhibit B) for Garden Street between the bridge and the southern edge of the City owned parcel adjacent to the Rick Marcotte Central School which is a modification to the alternative generally supported in outreach as suggested by the main adjacent property owner's representative, and street typical alternatives for the aforementioned parcel (Exhibit C and D); and

WHEREAS, the community-supported alternative includes both multi-modal and garden like characteristics including a buffered bicycle facility (as the primary southeast-northwest dedicated bicycle facility in City Center), sidewalks on both side, a landscape strip adequate to support shade trees and bio retention, narrow travel lanes that both calm traffic and support buses, and parking on both sides interspaced with landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the South Burlington Realty requested modifications to the community-supported conceptual street typical at the completion of the public outreach phase included wider sidewalks on the north side and widening the overall width to shift the landscaping from bumpouts interspaced with parking stalls within the parking lane to a green strip between the parking and the pedestrian/bicycle facilities which was supported by the consultant team as it results in more parking and more trees which are also objectives expressed by the community; and

WHEREAS, the consultant team proposed two alternative concepts for the full 100-foot right of way adjacent to the Rick Marcotte Central School property and which were equally supported by the community and have all the features in common with the recommended Garden Street alternative with the addition of a garden strip which may be in the center of (a median) or to one side of the travel lanes pending review by the Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, the preferred alignment location is largely guided by a) the location of land acquired for purpose of building Garden Street or for which the City has an irrevocable offer of dedication, b), the location of a stormwater pond which is funded by the Army Corp of Engineers and for which


design has been completed, right-of-way obtained and which is near construction after significant study, review, and negotiation, and c) it is the option which would be the most desirable with respect to providing opportunities for buildings or attractive landscaping fronting Garden Street on both sides along the length.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Burlington City Council hereby approves the following:

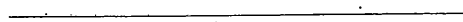
1. A preferred alignment for Garden Street as shown in Exhibit A.
2. A preferred minimum public street width of 76.5 feet running between the Garden Street bridge and the southern boundary of the property that the City owns adjacent to the Rick Marcotte Central School land and concept generally for a street typical as shown in Exhibit B.
3. A preferred minimum public street width of 100 feet for a "gateway" feature on the land the City owns adjacent to the Rick Marcotte Central School which contains the same accommodations as the main conceptual typical and either a garden in the street median as shown in Exhibit C or on the side as shown in Exhibit D.

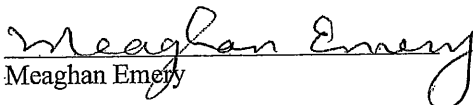
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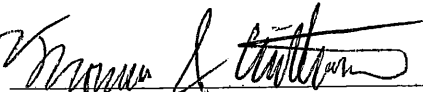
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Figure 4 - Preferred Alignment (Alternative A1) shown in green

EXHIBIT B - GARDEN STREET PREFERRED TYPICAL
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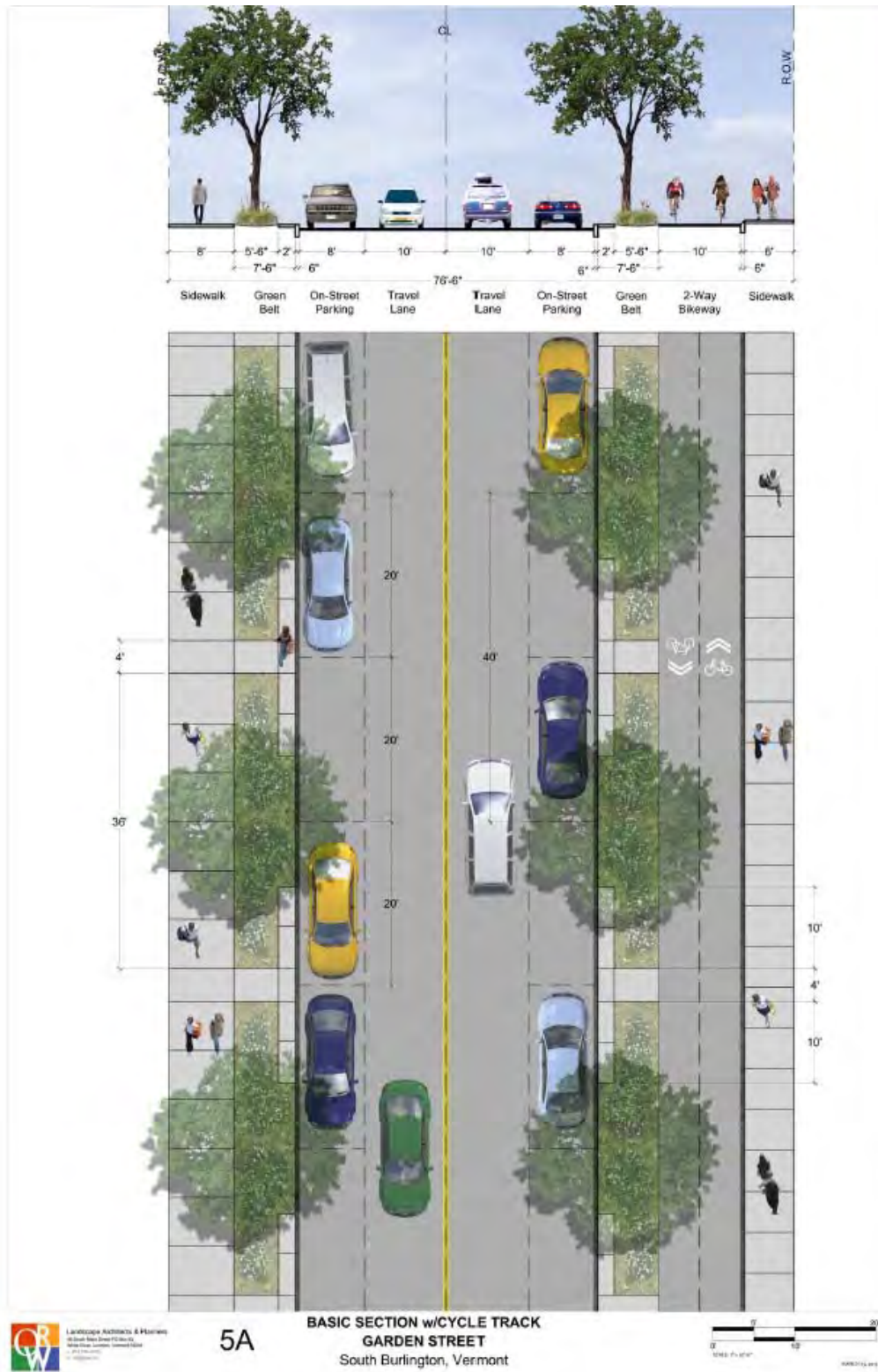


Figure 12 - Typical Section Alternative 5

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5.1.3 Gateway Alternatives

The City owns a 100' wide right-of-way between the Central School property and the Vermont Federal Credit Union property. Two gateway alternatives were developed for this portion of Garden Street. Common features for both alternatives include a 6' sidewalk on each side of the road, 8' green belts for landscaping and stormwater treatment on each side of the road, a 10' protected bicycle way on the east side of the road and on-street parking along both sides of the road. The following summarizes key features of each alternative.

Alternative A - Median Garden Option (Figure 10)

This option includes a planted garden in a median located in the center of the road as shown in **Figure 10** below. Note that the median is only located within the 100' right-of-way that the City currently owns.



Figure 10 - Gateway Alternative A

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Alternative B - Side Garden Option (Figure 11)

This option includes a planted garden between a buffered bicycle way and the sidewalk located to the east of the roadway as shown in **Figure 11** below.



Figure 11 - Gateway Alternative B

These alternatives were also brought forward to the community for input at project stakeholder meetings held on January 13, 2015 and at a Public Alternatives Workshop held on January 15, 2015. At the Public Alternatives Workshop, the community had the opportunity to vote on their first choice for the gateway alternative and provide comments. The alternatives were posted to the City website and made available for further public comment until February 5, 2015. Notes from the stakeholder meetings and voting results and notes from Public Alternatives Workshop are contained in **Appendix E**.