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CITY OF BURLINGTON TO HOST CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY FOR NEW DOWNTOWN PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITY

BURLINGTON, NC- Members of Burlington’s State Legislative delegation will join City leaders on October 18, 2018 for a Construction Update and Recognition Ceremony regarding downtown improvements funded in part by the 2017-18 NC State Budget.

The event begins at 2:00pm at the project site, located behind the Historic Train Depot at 100 W. Front Street. This event is intended to build public awareness of this project and the value it brings to the downtown district. The public is invited to attend and get a glimpse of this in-progress facility. Link Transit and Burlington swag will be available to those that attend to get an update on this new downtown addition.

In 2017, the City received a \$50,000 state budget allocation secured by Senator Rick Gunn and supported by Representatives Ross and Riddell. This funding was designated for downtown revitalization and is managed by the NC Department of Commerce. The City is using the funds to construct a public restroom facility in the downtown district at the Historic Depot site.

The restroom facility under construction is located adjacent to City Parking Lot # 2 where the Link Transit hub is located on Worth Street. In October of 2018, Link Transit surpassed 200,000 fixed route riders since the opening of the system in June 2016. These new facilities will provide easy access to Link Transit’s growing ridership and employees, providing a more functional temporary transit hub for downtown Burlington.

In addition to supporting Link Transit ridership, the restroom facility will enhance event logistics and functionality in downtown by providing clean, convenient, accessible restrooms to the public. The Historic Depot hosts over 75 community events annually. These events range from the City sponsored summer ‘4th Friday’ concert series to private weddings and community sponsored events and festivals.

“Events and programming are the lifeblood of a vibrant downtown, drawing visitors to enjoy our City, businesses and attractions. To be sure, smooth event logistics and visitor convenience are vital to any events’ success. This public restroom project will provide needed infrastructure to serve all of our special events, Link Transit and others – and its designed to blend in with the Historic Depot’s trademark red brick and wood truss design.” stated Peter Bishop, Economic Development Director for the City of Burlington.

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