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To: The Town of Middlebury Selectboard

From: The Better Middlebury Partnership Board

The BMP has concerns regarding the lack of organized public input into the final plans for the Triangle Park and Printer's Alley spaces. In the BMP board meeting on November 9th we learned that VTrans would like the updated plans to be delivered to the Selectboard at your November 13th meeting with a final vote on the design targeted for the November 27th Selectboard meeting. Our understanding is that these dates are being driven by VTRANS and the project team, but we are worried that there will not be enough time for a public review of the proposed plans, and subsequent discussion and development of any alternative plans.

We acknowledge that the town is under pressure from the VTRANS to finalize these decisions and keep the project on schedule. These two public spaces are important to the future of our town, however, and both deserve a well thought out approach that meets the needs of Middlebury. Rather than letting VTRANS and the project schedule drive the vision of Triangle Park and Printer's Alley we urge you to allow our community the opportunity to be more involved. BMP board members and other community stakeholders plan to attend your meetings on the 13th and the 27th to request that the Selectboard allow the Middlebury community time to review and provide feedback on any draft plans prior to finalization and selection.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

The Better Middlebury Partnership Board