About the Facility
The John Zampieri State Office Building at 108 Cherry Street in downtown Burlington is home to the Vermont Department of Health administrative offices, statewide program staff, the Burlington Local Health office and the Board of Medical Practice as well as the Vermont Department for Children and Families, Economic Services. Located on the edge of the downtown business area and the Old North End residential area of the city, the facility and its surroundings converge a diverse range of users and activities. There are various retail shops and restaurants in the area as well as the Costello Courthouse, churches, and hotels.

The Green Mountain transit center, located on the St. Paul Street side of the building, is in full view of the employee entrance to the parking garage in the lower level of the facility.

Vermont Department of Health (VDH) programs and initiatives help Vermonters live fuller, healthier lives from birth through old age. VDH protects and promotes public health and prevents disease and injury through programs to maintain and improve the health status of all Vermonters. Programs focus on infectious and chronic disease control and prevention (e.g., injury prevention and healthy babies programs), surveillance (e.g., disease reporting), and protection (e.g., restaurant inspections).

Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) fosters the healthy development, safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of Vermonters. The department develops and administers a continuum of high-quality, comprehensive child development and family support services that promote children’s health and well-being, school readiness and foundations for lifelong success; determines the eligibility of Vermonters who apply for disability benefits; administers state and federal anti-poverty programs that help individuals and families meet their basic needs (e.g., 3SquaresVT, Fuel Assistance, and Reach Up); works with families and communities to make sure children and youth are safe, their basic needs are met and youth are free from delinquent behavior; ensures children receive the child and medical support to which they are entitled; and works with community partners to provide direct services to low-income Vermonters in need.
Design Specifics
The design team is headed by Thornton Tomosetti and includes Freeman French Freeman Architects. Construction at the site is estimated to begin in fall 2021. Renovations are expected to be completed in spring 2023. The project includes renovations to the employee parking garage in the basement of the facility and future renovations to the exterior ramps and walkway ceilings.

Public Art Opportunities
The Committee has identified the following exterior areas at the site especially suitable for permanent works of public art. Locations include, but are not limited to, the right side of the garage entrance in the current planter area, exterior walls, and the railings and ceiling space above walkways and ramps. Commissioned works of art should have a long-term life span of at least 20 years. Potential areas are annotated in the following photos.

Planter area to the right of the garage doors will be redone with the renovations.
Exterior wall space – Pearl Street side corner

Exterior walkway ceilings/ramp railings (Corner of Cherry & St. Paul Street)

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