



# ***Alternatives to the Circ Project Prioritization***

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## ***Why Prioritize Projects?***

- Advance projects consistent with long-range goals and objectives
- Ensure consistency in the programming of transportation projects
- Accountability and transparency
- Efficient use of transportation dollars



# ***CCRPC Methodology***

- Projects are scored on 6 planning factors identified to be important by CCRPC MTP, Federal law and VT Legislature
  - ▶ Economic Vitality
  - ▶ Safety and Security
  - ▶ Accessibility, Mobility and Connectivity
  - ▶ Environment, Energy and Quality of Life
  - ▶ Preservation of Existing System
  - ▶ Efficient System Management



## ***Changes to Methodology***

- Circ factors are incorporated by scoring projects located in, or serving, the Circ study area
- Specificity regarding Designated Growth Centers, Downtown, Village Centers and New Town Centers has been added
- Include additional criteria for regional connectivity for pedestrian/bike and transit
- Still includes a readiness factor



# ***CCRPC Methodology***

- Condition of existing system
  - ▶ Highest points to projects that improve a documented safety problem – roads, bridges, pedestrian/bike facilities, transit facilities
  - ▶ Highest points for projects improve deteriorated roads, bridges, pedestrian/bike facilities, transit facilities



# ***CCRPC Methodology***

- Access and Connectivity
  - ▶ Highest points to projects that facilitate regional connectivity for roads, bridges, pedestrian /bike, transit
  - ▶ Highest points for projects that provide access to access to Vermont designated Growth Centers, Downtowns, New Town Centers and Village Centers
  - ▶ Highest points to projects that expand transit and pedestrian/bike facilities making regional connections



# ***CCRPC Methodology***

- Environmental factors
  - ▶ Highest points to projects that reduce VMT through:
    - new or expanded transit
    - regional pedestrian/bike facilities
    - park and ride lots
    - TDM
  - ▶ Highest points for traffic calming and streetscape in Vermont designated Growth Centers, Downtowns, New Town Centers and Village Centers
  - ▶ Highest points for project that encourage compact land use



***Questions/Comments?***