

Exit 17 Scoping Study

Study Committee Meeting #1

Tuesday, August 6, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

CCRPC Main Conference Room
110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski

Topics

1. Introductions
2. Review Study Process and Status
3. Public Outreach Plan
4. Stakeholder Interviews
The study team will conduct up to five interviews with local businesses to help identify transportation issues and needs associated with the Exit 17 interchange and connecting US Route 2 and US Route 7 corridors. Prior to our meeting, please identify potential candidates for interviews and additionally think about specific questions that you think may be of value. This effort is intended to complement the Local Concerns meeting to be held September 10th.
5. Initial Purpose and Need
(see attachment)
6. Growth Assumptions
7. Next Steps/Next Meeting
8. Other Items

Exit 17 - Purpose and Need Statement

The Purpose and Need statement defines why the proposed project(s) is being pursued (*Purpose*) and provides specific supporting evidence of the problems to be addressed (*Needs*).

Prior study of Exit 17 (2006) suggested the following as a **Purpose** statement for subsequent study of interchange improvements:

The purpose of this transportation project is to preserve the operation of the Exit 17 interchange so that it continues to provide a safe and efficient connection between the interstate and arterial highway systems while also accommodating travel demand anticipated as the surrounding Growth Center develops.

Consider whether this statement should be modified to best describe the desired outcomes of the project(s), and if so, how.

Needs will be finalized following completion of existing and future conditions analysis and discussion at the Local Concerns meeting. However, we will begin to discuss needs in general terms at our team meeting on August 6th, so begin to think about these as well. Needs typically fall under one or more of the following general categories:

- Travel Demand and System Capacity
- Safety
- Legislative Direction
- Urban Transportation Plan Consistency
- Modal Interrelationships
- System Linkages
- Condition of an Existing Facility.