



CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC

Communities Planning Together

CCRPC Monthly Report April 2016 Highlights

Below is a summary of project highlights from last month. For more information or question, please contact Charlie Baker (cbaker@ccrpcvt.org).

LOCAL PROJECTS

Bolton – Traffic Ordinance – Sai submitted the final traffic ordinance to the Town. Town Plan - Emily and Regina continued to work on writing goals and objectives for the "People" section of the town plan, and met with the Advisory Committee on 4/21. Emily met with the Bolton PC on 4/11. CIP - Chris has updated both the sign and culvert inventories so they are up to date thru 2016.

Burlington - Pam began working to determine actual lot coverage per parcel within the Residential - Medium Density zoning district. Burlington Railyard Enterprise Scoping Study - VTrans staff provided comments on the first draft REP Scoping/PEL report on 4/22. Burlington will be sending their comments end of April/beginning of May. Winooski Ave. Corridor Study - Peter and Jason participated in a meeting with City and RSG staff to discuss the results of modeling the impacts of a three lane Winooski Ave. corridor between Pearl and Main and to finalize the four scenarios for further modeling/analysis. North Avenue - Marshall attended the March North Avenue Task force meeting. TDM Action Plan- Phase 2 - A project team phone call was held on 4/26 to review and provide comments for the final presentation, scheduled with City staff and administration on 6/2. Colchester Avenue/Riverside Avenue Scoping - The consultant began the development of alternatives and a draft purpose and need statement. The project's advisory committee met on 4/26 to review and comment on work to date. Winooski River Bike/Ped Bridge Feasibility Analysis - Base map layers sent to consultant. Project kick off meeting held 4/27.

Charlotte - Charlotte requested a few minor changes to the Charlotte Map Viewer.

Colchester - Pam completed two Collector App maps for Colchester Public Works to use in tracking street sweeping and work conducted on catch basins and outfalls.

Essex & Essex Junction - Chris worked with members of Essex and Essex Junction to conduct PAVER inspections in order to train municipal staff. Essex Junction Train Station - Final report has been received and posted. Allen Martin Drive/VT Route 15 Intersection Study - The consultant completed 12 hour turning movement count at the study intersection and currently working on the existing conditions analysis.

Hinesburg – Richmond Road – Peter commented on the presentation by Toole for the 4/20 public meeting.

Jericho – Jericho Corners Connection LTF - Peter reviewed the comments submitted by VTrans.

Milton - US 7 Corridor Plan - Jason worked on updating the organization of the implementation matrix to better suit the town's needs. Milton Railroad St. Crossing - bike/ped improvements – Should be completed in June.

Richmond – Town Plan Update - On 4/27 Peter, Melanie, and Emily participated in a conference call with Richmond Planner and consultants to plan the Mapping the Vision workshop to take place on 5/4.

Shelburne - Falls Rd Sidewalk - VHB reviewed ROW and utility impacts and continued work on the Preliminary Plans Shelburne Form Based Code – The Selectboard adopted the Form Based Code and related amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on 4/26. Shelburne Southern Gateway - A kick off meeting was held on 4/7 at the town offices. Urban Forest Management Plan - Lee completed the tree management plan.

South Burlington –Williston Road Area Study - VHB developed a matrix of possible alternatives for review by CCRPC and South Burlington. Chamberlin Neighborhood Master Plan – Lee and Christine assisted with preparing for and staffing the 4/28 public meeting. Hinesburg/Tilley Area Transportation and Land Use Plan - VHB is working on Traffic and Natural Resources assessments. Hinesburg Rd. Sidewalk – Bryan reviewed the revised Preliminary Plans and Cost Estimate from L&D.

Williston –Village Master Plan – Marshall continued to assist with the development of the Village Public Input Studio to support the Williston Village Master Plan. Chris updated maps from the 2010-2016 plan and provided them to Williston's staff for review. Transportation Plan - Transportation staff continued to work with Williston to develop updated transportation maps for the Town Plan. Blair Park Williston Pedestrian Facility Scoping Study – Project is complete. Transportation Improvement District - Project kick off was held on 4/14 with RSG.

Winooski - Zoning Ordinance Update & Form Based Code - Regina met with the City Council on 4/4 and 4/18 to go over the last sections, and questions to date. Regina incorporated the changes the City Council asked for, and met with the Planning Commission on 4/28 to review those changes. Transportation Master Plan – The second round of public outreach for the Winooski TMP kicked-off with a web survey posted on the [CCRPC site](#) designed to gather feedback on the proposed transportation improvement strategies and with a public meeting scheduled for 4/25. Marshall started to conduct a second round of business interviews to solicit feedback on proposed strategies. Winooski River Bridge - With McFarland Johnson's (MJ) assistance, Winooski and Burlington applied for a VTrans TH Structures Grant to replace the deteriorated railing panels of the bridge.

REGIONAL PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

Legislative - H.249 regarding RPC's being able to enter into inter-municipal service agreements has been signed into law. The MS4 Subcommittee and Executive Committee are discussing how this applies to our existing stormwater program. S.230 has passed, providing RPCs and municipalities with the option of developing more detailed energy plans that will have increased weight in the PSB process.

Regional Bike/Ped Planning - Bryan, Peter, Eleni, Marshall and Regina participated in (and Regina presented at) the 2016 Vermont Walk/Bike Summit in Rutland on 4/1. Regional Active Transportation (Bike/Ped) Master Plan Update – Peter reviewed and responded to dozens of comments to the proposed regional walk bike network, compiled these into a document and shared with the Advisory Committee and consultant.

Lake Champlain Byway – Dan delivered brochures and posters to visitor centers and to Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing for distribution at trade shows. Pam made edits and additions to the [Byway Storymap](#).

ECOS Plan and Partnerships – ECOS Plan Update - The comments received on the first public hearing draft of the ECOS Plan were incorporated and approved by the Long Range Planning Committee on 4/13/16. The changes mainly include additional flood resiliency content, additional information from the Visiting Nurses Association, and updated information on the CEDS/ECOS Project list. The second public hearing draft was published for the 30

day public comment period with the second public hearing on 5/18. [How to Attract Young Families and Tech Industry](#) - Emily received comments on the paper and is incorporating those recommendations into the final draft. [ECOS Partnerships](#) - Emma coordinated and Lee and Emily presented about emergency management and preparedness topics in this month's "ECOS in Action" television show on 4/21.

Public Participation - Emma continued preparing for the 50th Annual Meeting Celebration on June 15th. Bryan participated in the Refugee and Immigrant Service Provider network (RISPnet) meeting on 4/21. Emma prepared and sent out the April newsletter on 4/21. The spring 2016 Traffic Alert Program began on 4/15 and Emma coordinated with Kathy Finnie on website updates and questions from community members. Six total Traffic Alert emails were sent in April: 4/15 (2), 4/22, 4/26 (2), 4/29. There were 6 new sign-ups in April.

Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation and Safety – Lee assisted municipalities with their updated LEOPs. Lee, Dan and Pam participated in DEMHS training on the Situation Unit in the SEOC as a lead up to the Vigilant Guard exercise this summer. [All-Hazards Mitigation Plan](#) – Dan, Emily, and Lee updated all of the municipal plans. Melanie and Pam updated data and maps for the plan. [Transportation Safety](#) - Sai made field visits in Richmond, Williston, Bolton and Hinesburg to evaluate safety concerns at potential locations for the SLRS program.

GIS, Data & Mapping - The [Act250 Map Viewer](#) has been updated to a new interface. Marshall continued developing ACS journey to work data tables for all of the municipalities in Chittenden County. Marshall also reviewed FHWA publications related to functional classification concepts and guidelines for updating National Highway System connections. Melanie worked with our intern to refine the Commercial Industrial Database. Pam provided VCGI with parcel data from six towns (Bolton, Burlington, Charlotte, Hinesburg, Jericho, and St. George). [VT Online Bridge & Culvert Inventory](#) – Pam continued to work on enhancing the [vtculverts website](#).

Health – Melanie attended the Alcohol policy sub-committee on 4/29 and is working on finalizing the Vermont League of Cities and Town's Report on the Regulation of Alcohol and Tabaco using a land use perspective. [Chittenden County Opioid Alliance](#) - Charlie worked with the Chittenden County Opioid Alliance to hire a policy director and advertise for a data manager.

Housing – As a follow-up to our Young Professionals and Hi-Tech Industry research, Charlie and Regina met with Housing Vermont and Champlain Housing Trust to collaborate on a housing campaign.

Infrastructure - Emily, Regina and Melanie completed an inventory of municipal water and wastewater planning needs for ACCD. Charlie and Dan participated in a long term financing for water quality investments meeting.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) –[Real Time Traffic Information](#) – Sai coordinated with stakeholders and participating municipalities to schedule a user-needs workshop. The consultant is working on the final scope of work. [Adaptive Signal Control \(ASC\) Planning Study](#) - Sai continued research Systems engineering analysis requirements and cost estimates for the Exit 14 area implementation plan.

Municipal Training - Chris facilitated a 3-day PAVER workshop with an Industry expert for seven interested Chittenden County municipalities. Lee and Abby Friedman of VLCT taught workshops at TOEC workshops offering examples of existing forms, as well as discussing potential challenges involved with inter municipal sharing of purchasing, personnel, or services. The underlying theme was exploring ways to maintain or enhance services in fiscally and operationally effective and efficient ways

Natural Resources - Dan scheduled a kickoff meeting with ANR for the new contract to develop templates to aid municipal prioritization of mitigation projects addressing flooding and fluvial erosion and to update and adopt River Corridor Base Maps and bylaws.

Transit –CCTA Planning & Development - The GMT Hinesburg Commuter expansion pilot is set to begin on June 13. Additional geography will be added to the GMT trips only, with an aim to grow ridership. The pilot is scheduled to run from June – February. The annual ridecheck progressed through April and is winding down in early May. Temporary employees are riding all trips of all local routes and some commuter routes, during all day types (weekday, Saturday, Sunday). CCTA Transit Center - The overall project is now 60% - 65% complete.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) – The website (www.waytogovt.org) is open to the public for registration. CATMA reached out to more than 25 employers regarding CATMA membership and services, and recruited four new ETC members, bringing the ETC Network to 40 businesses. Their 6th ETC Network meeting was held 4/28 with 30+ members attending. CATMA recruited Wake Robin as a new dues-paying member and has signed MOUs with City of Burlington and Seventh Generation for FY17. CarShare VT staff planned, promoted and hosted a Mobility Share fundraising event at Penny Cluse Cafe on 4/26. Local Motion participated in the following: North Ave. Corridor Task Force/Pilot project, Rutland Walk Bike Summit, bike commuter workshops, PlanBTV Walk Bike, Barrett/Riverside/Colchester Ave. scoping, planning and coordination for Minneapolis Mayor visit, and Burlington Town Center transportation improvements. Peter attended the 4/29 meeting of the Neighbor Rides Advisory Committee where discussion included updates on the RouteMatch software. Bryan, Emma, Melanie, and Tally Ho coordinated with UVM students who conducted and analyzed results of a survey to better understand how college students and young professionals prefer to get information, particularly about transportation. Goal was to have 300 respondents to survey; more than 1,500 surveys were completed. The survey results will help inform outreach methods for the Travel Smarter campaign/website that Tally Ho is working on (launch scheduled for early May).

Transportation – The TAC met on 4/5 and heard a VTrans presentation on Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, approved project prioritization, received a UPWP development update, and heard presentations on High Risk Rural Roads and a wastewater survey. Eleni sent CCRPC staff's comments on the proposed National Highway System (NHS) Technical and Coordinated Corrections to VTrans on 4/15. Peter and Eleni attended the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study public meeting in Burlington on 4/14. CCRPC/VTrans/CCTA Agreement – Final edits were developed for review by CCRPC. TIP- The CCRPC Commission approved the 2018 Project Prioritization scores and they were submitted to VTrans.

Water Quality –MS4 Permit – Charlie and Dan made revisions to and worked with MS4 Subcommittee on a merged agreement for RSEP and CCST. Municipal Water Quality Assistance – The 4/5 CWAC meeting focused on a presentation by Kevin Burke regarding the draft Vermont State Stormwater Manual. Dan distributed DEC's 4/21 guidance document on the "developed lands" permit to the CWAC and to the PAC. Road Erosion Inventories – Bryan prepared and submitted applications to the VTrans Better Roads grant program by the 4/15 deadline on behalf of eight municipalities (Bolton, Essex, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, St. George, Underhill, Williston).

Transportation Model – Jason distributed an RFP to update the regional transportation model due by 5/6.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Finance, Budget & Accounting – The unaudited financial statements for March were completed. There was positive income in March of \$5,927. This brings our net income for FY16 through March to \$27,387.

UPWP – Bryan prepared and distributed letters to all FY17 UPWP applicants informing them of the status of their project request(s) in the draft UPWP document. Bernie sent out the Draft FY2017 UPWP for 30-day public comment. The Draft UPWP was reviewed at the board meeting.