

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
 REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
 MINUTES
DRAFT

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 PLACE: CCRPC Offices; 110 W. Canal Street, Suite 202; Winooski, VT 05404
 PRESENT:

Bolton:	Sharon Murray	Buel's Gore:	Absent
Burlington:	Rob Fish, Alternate	Charlotte:	Jim Donovan
Colchester:	Jeff Bartley	Essex:	Jeff Carr
Essex Jct:	Jeff Carr, Alternate	Hinesburg:	Andrea Morgante
Huntington:	Barbara Elliott	Jericho:	Catherine McMains
Milton:	Absent	Richmond:	Bard Hill
St. George:	Absent	Shelburne:	John Zicconi
So. Burlington:	Chris Shaw	Underhill:	Brian Bigelow
Westford:	Vacant	Williston:	Chris Roy
Winooski:	Mike O'Brien	VTrans:	Amy Bell
Bus/Industry:	Absent	Socio/Econ/Housing:	Absent
Cons./Env.	Absent		

Ex-Officio: FHWA: Chris Jolly
 Others: Jacki Murphy, Colchester Alternate Michael Bissonette, Hinesburg Alternate
 Deb Sachs, Charlotte resident David Blittersdorf, Charlotte resident
 Julie Micuga, resident
 Staff: Charlie Baker, Executive Director Eleni Churchill, Trans. Program Manager
 Bryan Davis, Sr. Trans. Planner Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner
 Christine Forde, Sr. Trans. Planner Peter Keating, Sr. Trans. Planner
 Regina Mahony, Planning Prog. Mgr. Emily Nosse-Leirer, Planner
 Bernadette Ferenc, Trans. Business Mgr.

1. Call to order, changes to the agenda. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Chair, Chris Roy.
2. Public Comment Period for items NOT on the agenda. There were none.
3. Action on the Consent Agenda. There were no items on the consent agenda.
4. Approve minutes of January 17, 2018 Board meeting. JEFF CARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2017 WITH CHANGES IF ANY. JIM DONOVAN SECONDED. Catherine McMains asked for clarification on the bottom of page 4 to say "The Legislature did receive long-term funding recommendations..." THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BARBARA ELLIOTT ABSTAINING.
5. Draft ECOS Plan Public Hearing #1.; and 6. Draft ECOS Plan Discussion. JIM DONOVAN MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:07 P.M. SHARON MURRAY SECONDED THAT THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Members heard comments from Julie Macuga a recent graduate of UVM, Deb Sachs of Charlotte, and David Blittersdorf also of Charlotte who have all agreed to send written comments which will be attached to these minutes. We then had comments and discussion from board members on the draft plan and the top 10 actions. JEFF CARR MADE A MOTION TO

1 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:55 P.M., SECONDED BY CATHERINE MCMAINS. MOTION CARRIED
2 UNANIMOUSLY.
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4 7. Transportation Performance Measures – Safety Targets. Peter Keating gave a presentation on the
5 performance measures required by the most recent Federal Transportation Acts. The following
6 areas will be required to have performance measures: Safety; Infrastructure Condition (pavement
7 and bridges); Congestion; System Reliability (NHS performance); Freight Movement (interstate); and
8 Environmental Sustainability. The first one we must act on is Safety. VTrans has developed some
9 targets, and staff and the TAC are recommending the board accept the VTrans targets. After some
10 discussion, BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ROB FISH TO ACCEPT THE VTRANS
11 STATEWIDE SAFETY TARGETS AS REPORTED IN THE 2017 HSIP REPORT AND NOT SET REGIONAL
12 (MPO) TARGETS THIS CALENDAR YEAR (2018). THE MOTION CARRIED WITH NO VOTES FROM ESSEX
13 AND ESSEX JUNCTION AND AMY BELL ABSTAINED.
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15 8. Chairman’s/Executive Director Update.

- 16 a. Clean Water. Last month we talked about long-term funding and the Senate Natural Resources
17 committee spent hours on this, but we can’t predict the outcome. They have decided not to do
18 parcel fees for now. They will appoint a committee to take this up again this summer. (Bard Hill
19 left the meeting.) There may be things in the bill have that some implications for us. River Basin
20 Coordinating Councils are being discussed as a conduit for block grants to go to each town.
21 b. Economics of Housing. Charlie noted we held a workshop at the end of January that was
22 attended by about 50 people and we’ve been requested to sponsor more.
23 c. ECOS Annual Report. The report is being reviewed by our partners.
24 d. Regional Dispatch. Charlie noted that 7 towns have the question on their town meeting ballot.
25 There are yard signs going up to vote no. He is not sure why because no money or personnel
26 issues are involved. The vote is only to form a Union Municipal District to continue the
27 discussions and work out the details. There was a brief discussion about previous attempts for
28 regional dispatch.
29 e. Legislative updates. The request for the third year of funding to assist us help our communities
30 with energy planning is in committee now. Sen. Government Operations committee is also
31 discussing requiring towns to include new public safety sections in the municipal plans and it
32 would stop state police from working for towns. They did approve a little bill that makes it clear
33 that towns and regions can post notices electronically.
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35 9. Committee/Liaison Activities & Reports. Chris noted that minutes were included in the board
36 packet. Charlie noted that in an effort to be sure our minutes are posted within 5 days, we propose
37 to do minimalist minutes to include attendees, topics and motions. We will then expand the draft
38 minutes so the committees will receive minutes they are used to seeing prior to their next meeting.
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40 10. Members Items. There were none.
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42 11. Adjournment. JOHN ZICCONI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY CHRIS SHAW TO ADJOURN THE
43 MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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45 Respectfully submitted,
46 Bernadette Ferenc