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2 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
3 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday, June 6, 2017
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal St. Winooski, VT
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9 **Members Present**

10 Matt Langham, VTrans
11 Dean Bloch, Charlotte
12 Dennis Lutz, Essex
13 Bob Henneberger, Seniors
14 Chris Jolly, FHWA
15 Sandy Thibault, CATMA
16 Bruce Hoar, Williston
17 Nicole Losch, Burlington
18 Katelin Brewer-Colie, Local Motion
19 Barbara Elliot, Huntington
20 Brian Bigelow, Underhill
21 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
22 Luke Valentine, St. George
23 Jake Hemmerick, Milton
24 Dean Bloch, Charlotte
25 Peter Wernsdorfer, Winooski
26 Dick Hosking, VTrans District 5
27 Amy Bell, VTrans
28 Robin Pierce, Essex Junction
29 Justin Rabidoux, South Burlington
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Bryan Osborne, Colchester, TAC Chair
Dave Armstrong, GMT

Staff Present

Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner
Peter Keating, Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Dubin, Transportation Planner
Sai Sarepalli, Transportation Planning Engineer
Regina Mahoney, Planning Program Manager
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner

Others

Dave Pelletier, VTrans
Gina Clithero, Milton
Caitlyn Bain, Williston

32 Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and asked for a round of introductions.
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34 **1. Consent Agenda**

35 A minor TIP amendment change adding funding to a I-189 culvert project was unanimously approved.
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37 **2. Approval of Minutes**

38 The May 2nd minutes were approved without changes.
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40 **3. Public Comments**

41 There were none.
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43 **4. FY2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

44 Christine Forde began by putting the TIP into larger context flowing from the Metropolitan
45 Transportation Plan, through corridor or scoping studies before ending up on the TIP list. She went on,
46 explaining how from the TIP (where funding is identified and obligated) a project leads to design and
47 construction. She then defined the TIP, described how projects get on it, and compared and contrasted the
48 TIP to the State's Transportation Capital Program. She noted that the TIP is a planning and not a budget
49 document. It represents the intent to construct or implement a specific project and the anticipated flow of
50 federal funds. Using a sample page from the draft TIP Christine described how the document should be
51 read and identified the content of its various sections. Of particular note is the anticipated level of funding
52 expected over the coming 4 years:

- 53 • FY2018 -- \$78.6 million
- 54 • FY2019 -- \$58.4 million

- 1 • FY2020 -- \$52.3 million
- 2 • FY2021 -- \$46.2 million

3 Christine explained the ups and downs of year-to-year funding by looking at funding history back to 2007
 4 in a bar chart. She also noted that FY17 was particularly high due to possible major grants awarded to
 5 Burlington International Airport and GMT. She then broke down the TIP content in finer detail describing
 6 transportation project categories, the amounts of funding in each, and also identified the projects that stem
 7 from the three phases of the CIRC Alternatives process. Sources of funding and anticipated construction
 8 over the next two years, as well as projects moving out of construction from the coming year's schedule
 9 were described next. Christine concluded by describing the annual report of projects receiving federal
 10 funds, recently constructed projects and historic funding levels by various categories. Following short
 11 discussion, ROBIN PIERCE MADE A MOTION THE TAC APPROVE THE FY2018-2021 TIP AND
 12 FORWARD IT TO THE BOARD FOR ADOPTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KATELIN
 13 BREWER-COLIE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14 15 **5. VTrans Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

16 Dave Pelletier of VTrans began by going over what he hoped would come out of his presentation today:

- 17 1. Review project schedule, roles and responsibilities
- 18 2. Present an overview of Existing Conditions & Future Trends report
- 19 3. Listen and document regional perspectives and priorities, and
- 20 4. Provide information on how to stay involved

21 He described the LRTP as a statewide framework to guide transportation decision-making and
 22 investments for the next 20 years. He then went into some detail on the Existing Conditions & Future
 23 Trends report highlighting information on each of the following:

- 24 1. System Overview – data on roads, bridges, transit, park and rides, etc.
- 25 2. VTrans System Plans and Policies
- 26 3. 2016 Statewide Transportation Public Opinion Survey – Information is available for smaller
 27 geographies including northwest VT (Franklin, Chittenden and Addison Counties)
- 28 4. State & National Policy Review
- 29 5. Energy & Climate Change
- 30 6. Population & Demographics
- 31 7. Funding & Finance
- 32 8. Land Use & Transportation
- 33 9. Technological Change – alternatives fuels and autonomous vehicles

34 Dave was seeking TAC member comment, and discussion occurred both during and after his presentation,
 35 providing input on document content as well as how the presentation might be revised for future
 36 audiences. All project documents will be posted on the project website at:

37 <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/long-range-plan>

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 39 **6. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update** Peter provided the latest information on MTP
 40 development but started with a refresher on what the MTP is. His main topics included: Background
 41 information, the MTP elements as proscribed by federal regulations, current conditions highlights and
 42 project schedule. He noted that MTPs are integrated and multimodal, addressing both people and goods;
 43 are on a 5 year schedule with a 20 year minimum time horizon; are based on current and forecast
 44 conditions; and have specified outreach/process requirements. The CCRPC's MTP elements include:

- 45 • Current Transportation Conditions
- 46 • Future Demand
- 47 • Performance Measures and Targets
- 48 • Environmental Mitigation Discussion
- 49 • Financial Plan
- 50 • Corridor Discussion and Project Recommendations

1 Peter then briefly went over content from the draft Current Transportation Conditions report and asked
2 the TAC to review it and send us any comments/revisions. He concluded with the project schedule,
3 noting draft completion date, public hearings and final adoption.
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5 **7. Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Project**

6 Sai updated the TAC on this project's progress. It is an Advanced Traffic Monitoring System using
7 Bluetooth technology to detect and record real travel times through 5 different road corridors around the
8 region:

- 9 • Corridor 1: I-89 Exit 14, US 2 in South Burlington
- 10 • Corridor 2: VT 289, Susie Wilson Rd. & VT 15 in Essex
- 11 • Corridor 3: I-89 Exit 12, US 2/VT 2A in Williston
- 12 • Corridor 4: I-89 Exit 17 in Colchester
- 13 • Corridor 5: I-89 Exit 16, US 2 in Colchester

14 Sai explained that the project will use BlueTOAD Spectra equipment to collect the data and that data will
15 have applications in several areas, including:

- 16 • Arterial Travel-Times (operations, Origin/Destination (OD), message boards, before/after studies,
17 Adaptive analysis)
- 18 • Freeway Travel-Times (operations, OD, message boards)
- 19 • Work Zones
- 20 • 511/Traveler Information Systems
- 21 • Planning/Modeling, and
- 22 • Incident Management

23 The remaining tasks and schedule include:

- 24 • Pilot Corridor Implementation (Williston Road corridor) – June 2017
- 25 • Final Installation, Deployment and Validation - Summer 2017
- 26 • System Monitoring, Performance Measurement & Reporting - Winter 2017 – 2020

27 Dennis Lutz remarked on the importance of following up this phase with the equipment necessary to
28 convey its information to the traveling public e.g. variable message signs. Dick Hosking noted that the
29 VT RT 2A project would be impacted by a construction project in that corridor.
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31 **8. TAC Volunteer to Review Consultant Qualifications**

32 Eleni asked for a TAC volunteer to review sets of consultant qualifications coming to the CCRPC and due
33 on June 12th. Justin Rabidoux agreed to assist in this review.
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35 **9. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

36 Bryan referred members to the project list on the back of the agenda.
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38 **10. CCRPC May Board Meeting Report.**

39 Peter mentioned the Board approved the UPWP.
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41 **10. Chairman's/Members' Items**

42 Charlie referred the members to the MRGP communication included in the meeting packet.
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45 The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
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47 Respectfully submitted, Peter Keating