



CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC

Communities Planning Together

CCRPC Monthly Report September 2016 Highlights

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

LOCAL PROJECTS

Bolton – Town Plan - Emily met with the Planning Commission on 9/12 and 9/26 and with the Conservation Commission on 9/19 to finalize the Resilience, Recreation and Natural Resources section of the Town Plan. Regina and Emily met with the Advisory Group on 9/29 to discuss graphic design. Capital Improvement Plan - Chris is working on the draft final set of recommendations that identify priority assets in need of investment

Burlington - Burlington Railyard Enterprise Scoping Study – Following the 9/1 meeting of the REP stakeholders, Eleni and Marshall worked with RSG to revise the scope. A number of critical scope items were identified during that meeting that require investigation and alternative funding (other than PL funds) including evaluation and cost estimates of addressing contaminated soils, hydrologic evaluation/modeling, and comprehensive stormwater plan for the project area. Eleni researched funding opportunities for these items. Winooski Ave. Corridor Study - Peter met with RSG and City staff on 9/22 to review the draft Corridor modeling report. Colchester Avenue/Riverside Avenue Scoping - An Advisory Committee meeting was held on 9/22. Members reviewed the alternatives analysis and requested more information before endorsing a preferred alternative. Winooski River Bike/Ped Bridge Feasibility Analysis - D&K is confirming a meeting date with Corps of Engineers. Winooski River Bridge Scoping – see Winooski below. Bank and Church Street Scoping - DuBois & King is collecting existing conditions. North Avenue Pilot Project - Marshall and Jason worked with RSG and the City to finalize the North Avenue Pilot Project public opinion survey. Jason prepared and presented an overview of some of the quantitative data at the North Avenue public forum on 9/20. Marshall and Jason conducted survey outreach at the Heineberg Senior Center on 9/29. At the DPW's request, Marshall reached out to 39 residents to assist with additional survey outreach. CCRPC staff conducted peak hour travel time assessment on North Avenue. The public opinion survey ended on 10/2.

Charlotte - Emily reviewed the draft Town Plan for the September PAC meeting and worked with Regina to develop a memo to convey the suggestions of the PAC to the Planning Commission. Park & Ride Lot - Draft report is complete. Town desires a pause in discussing this study. Awaiting VTrans comments.

Colchester – Updates to Colchester zoning were completed by Pam and maps were provided to Colchester Planning Department. Malletts Bay Stormwater Management System - Proposals are under review.

Essex & Essex Junction - Allen Martin Drive/VT Route 15 Intersection Study - On 9/29, Sai and Marshall met with RSG and Essex to discuss the latest memos and the initial alternatives list. the Tech Memo #2, future conditions assessment and full build out analysis. Path/Sidewalk Impact Policy - Draft bike/ped project prioritization almost complete by RSG. They are working on developing the impact fee estimate. ADA Study on sidewalks/paths and crossings - Data collection is underway.

Huntington - Sai conducted speed studies for Camels Hump Road and Main Road. Pam updated the Huntington Village Zoning district and maps for by the Huntington Planning Commission. Land Use Regs Review - Regina began editing the Huntington Zoning Regulation draft, and presented the work to the PC on 9/26. Regina attended the PC's public input session on floodplain and river corridor regulations on 9/12. Huntington HMGP House Elevation - Landowners announced that they were taking a different approach and preparing a new HMGP application. This project is on hold.

Jericho - Riverside Future Street Network Study - Bryan issued a Notice to Proceed on 9/20.

St. George - Pam provided St. George with Hydrography maps. Emily met with the Planning Commission to discuss the flood resilience section of the town plan.

Shelburne - Form Based Code - A review subcommittee met on 9/29 and agreed to hire PlaceSense and its team for this work. Bay Road Underpass Pilot Project – Sai reviewed queue length counts for the Bay Road underpass pilot project and coordinated with Shelburne to assess traffic impacts during the Harvest Festival. Falls Rd Sidewalk - Town attorney prepared ROW certification letter to VTrans as part of the 1111 permit request. Shelburne Southern Gateway - There was an advisory committee meeting on 9/22 to review alternatives.

South Burlington –Williston Road Area Study - Christine, South Burlington and VHB met with property owners in the project area to review draft alternatives. Hinesburg/Tilley Area Transportation and Land Use Plan - VHB continues to work on future trip generation numbers to be used for modeling future traffic conditions. Connecting the Gaps Sidewalk Scoping Study - Toole presented, and the Planning Commission approved, the recommendation on alternatives at a 9/13 meeting. Hinesburg Rd. Sidewalk – L&D revised Final Plans and Bid Documents after VTrans review. Traffic Overlay District – The draft scope of work is under review. Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance – The scope of work is under review. I-89 Exit 14 Bike/Ped Scoping - A kick-off meeting was held on 9/19.

Underhill - Pam created a map for Underhill Town Administrator displaying the Road Erosion Inventory work conducted this summer. A draft Underhill Map Viewer was developed and the link shared with Underhill Town Manager and Planner for review. VT15/Underhill Flats Sidewalk – Attorney is preparing draft deeds for review and submittal to VTrans with the Preliminary Right-of-Way plans.

Williston – Transportation Improvement District - RSG continues to work on Task 5: Establishing Desired Performance Standards and Task 6: TID Fee Calculation Options. Stop Sign Study: Blair Park/Paul Street and Zephyr Road/Day Lane Intersections - Sai continued to gather information for STOP sign warrant analysis. Mountain View Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Scoping Study - Stantec is collecting environmental data. North Williston Road Scoping Study - Project is starting up.

Winooski - Downtown Parking Management –Stakeholder Committee meeting held 9/6. First public meeting was held on 9/19. Winooski River Bridge – Staff decided to delay the start of this scoping study until after the mid-year adjustment (January 2017).

REGIONAL PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

Bike/Ped - Bryan and Peter attended the Pro Walk/Pro Bike/Pro Place conference in Vancouver and attended sessions on health impacts of walking/biking, individualized outreach/marketing campaigns, equity in planning, bike share systems, performance measures, and more. Bryan met with CATMA on 9/8 and UVM and Champlain College staff on 9/22 to refine Pilot Bike Share Program RFP. Local Motion participated in the following: North Ave. Corridor Pilot Project, PlanBTV Walk Bike, Pop-Up/Demo trailer, Open Streets BTV, Town outreach to

Richmond and Shelburne, cargo bike loan program, Walk Bike Action Plan proposal for CCRPC, CCRPC TAC, Safe Family Biking Workshop, Colchester Ave/Barrett St/Riverside Ave intersection scoping, and Lock'n'Learn workshop. [Regional Active Transportation \(Bike/Ped\) Master Plan Update](#) – The draft regional [Active Transportation Plan](#) is available for public review -- Toole Design presented it to the CCRPC Board on 9/21. Peter resent the ATP link to all local bike/ped committees.

Brownfields - Emily created a general outreach [handout](#) describing the brownfields program and two handouts describing past successes of the program in terms of housing and recreation/economic development. Emily and Dan reviewed Qualified Environmental Professionals proposals with the selection subcommittee on 9/8/16 and finalized master agreements with six firms.

ECOS Plan and Partnerships – Annual Report - Melanie began updating the ECOS indicators for the Annual Report. The ECOS Leadership partners met on 9/28 to identify accomplishments, trends/issues to focus on in the 2016 Annual Report. The topics discussed were obesity, opioid addition, homelessness, and workforce development. [2018 ECOS Plan](#) - Staff began reviewing the status of the projects on the project list from the 2013 MTP/ECOS plan and also the schedule for the MTP update. [Partnerships](#) - Melanie participated in the United Way's Evaluation Committee Meeting on 9/21. Charlie participated in the following partner meetings: VAPDA on 9/1; UVM-MC Community Health Investment Committee 9/13; UVM-MC Community Leaders breakfast on 9/15; GBIC Board on 9/21; Together 4 Progress meetings on 9/6, 14, and 16; and Opportunities Credit Union board meeting on 9/27. Lee participated in the VT Urban & Community Forestry Council meeting on 9/29.

Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation, and Safety – Lee participated in a VT Health Dept. workshop on 9/21, Emergency Preparedness for Town Health Officers. [All Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) – Dan prepared a heavily-revised and updated draft of the municipal AHMP template and on 9/16 submitted it to VDEMHS and FEMA Region One for review. [Hazard Mitigation Projects and River Corridors](#) - Pam completed the pilot Project Table for Underhill and shared with ANR. [Transportation Safety](#) - Sai attended field visits and discussed safety improvements in Richmond with VTrans staff as a part of the SLRS program.

Energy - Emma created a new webpage for the [Regional Energy Plan](#). Melanie and Emily met with planning commissions to discuss energy planning: Milton on 9/6, Richmond on 9/7, Essex and Shelburne on 9/8, Colchester on 9/20, Huntington on 9/26, St. George and South Burlington on 9/27. Melanie developed web maps to help municipalities visualize energy resources within the County and to serve as a starting point for municipal level conversations on where renewable facilities could be sited.

GIS, Data & Mapping - Our Fall GIS intern began updating the employment database. CCRPC staff assisted with North Avenue data collection. Marshall assisted with ATR setup in Huntington and Shelburne, conducted a stop sign delay count on Bay Rd in Shelburne, and compiled FY16 transportation data for the VAPDA Annual Report. Pam is working on updating the e911 roads data within vtculverts as well as updating culvert material choices to include different types of plastic culverts.

Health – Melanie participated in the 9/9 meeting of the Regional Prevention Partnership (RPP)'s Drug Policy Sub-group. [Chittenden County Opioid Alliance](#) - The website address is: www.ecosproject.com/chittenden-county-opioid-alliance/. You can find all the meeting agendas and meeting minutes here. We received a grant from Delta Dental for \$150,000 total over the next 3 years, starting Jan 2017. We have also received another grant for a workforce development project with 9 community partners to engage, train and support Chittenden County companies to hire community members in recovery for \$25,000 for 1 year. The Data Manager, Sam Francis-Fath, started work at the beginning of September. He is splitting his time between the Steering Committee and the Burlington Police Department. The Action Teams are underway and starting to make progress.

Housing – Charlie, Regina, Emily and Emma continue to work on the [Building Homes Together](#) campaign. Melanie and Emily are working on fiscal implication data analysis.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) – [Real Time Traffic Information](#) – Sai reviewed the draft plans for the pilot corridor implementation. [Adaptive Signal Control \(ASC\) – Exit 14 Systems Engineering Analysis](#) - The kick-off meeting was held on 9/26/2016. Sai revised the draft scope of work with VTrans' comments. [Route 15](#) - Sai and Eleni met with VTrans staff to discuss potential system upgrades and corridor management for VT15.

Public Participation – Emma created a new page for the Regional Energy Plan. Emma continued organizing and editing the new ECOS website, and the two sub-websites for the Chittenden County Opioid Alliance and Building Homes Together. Emma prepared and sent the September newsletter on 9/21 with an opening rate of 23%. Emma updated the CCRPC website throughout the month, including updates to: TAC, CWAC, Board, EC, FC, Active Transportation Plan, and more. Emma sent two county-wide Front Porch Forums in September, including one to promote Go! Chittenden County sign-ups and one to promote the RMove Regional Transportation Model survey. Emma assisted with outreach and planning for future public outreach for the North Avenue Pilot Project, the Winooski Bridge Scoping Study, and the Exit 14 Bike/Ped Scoping Project. Bryan and Emma attended a lecture on 9/22 titled “*Racism, Islamophobia, and Empire: A new understanding of Islam, rooted in social justice, gender equality, and religious/ethnic pluralism.*” Emma researched cultural competency firms to provide training to staff.

Regional Services - [Regional Dispatch Implementation Study](#) – A consultant was selected. A memo was prepared and is being sent to all municipal elected bodies.

Transit – [GMT System Redesign](#) - Staff has met with the top two firms and is continuing discussions with both re: costs and potential additional tasks; specifically, a comprehensive fare analysis. [Mobile ticketing](#) - GMT staff is examining the five mobile ticketing proposals received. This program would enable the purchase of bus passes via mobile devices, which would also then act as the holder’s bus pass. [Routematch](#) - The Routematch mobile app, “Routeshout”, is being beta-tested by staff. This app is the real-time passenger information platform, which shows the routing of each route, and where along the route the bus is. [Bridj routes](#) - GMT has begun work on potential Bridj “routes”: VT AoT has directed GMT to work with Bridj on a pilot program in the greater Burlington area to complement existing commuter services. By giving choice passengers an “upgraded” transit option, (more direct service, more luxurious with smaller vans, nicer seats, wi-fi, guaranteed seat), it is believed that transit use will grow. [Downtown Transit Center](#) - Construction at the Downtown Transit Center (DTC) is now 99% complete. Grand Opening is October 13th. [VTrans Commuter Rail Feasibility Study](#) – Peter and Charlie reviewed the draft report and provided comments to VTrans.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) – Bryan helped promote the [Way to Go!](#) Campaign for September 26 - October 7. Media, marketing and outreach is in full swing across all platforms. Sign up numbers continue to increase.. There were more than 8,000 registrants ahead of the 9/26 event start. The Travel Smarter platform (www.travelsmartervt.org) is live with social media and advertising underway, including a King Kong bus wrap with GMT. CATMA worked with the City of Burlington to launch the City's new employee transit pass program at an open house transportation fair on 9/15 at BED and 9/16 at City Hall. CarShare VT staff did roving pop up tabling with their bike trailer at Open Streets on 9/11.

Transportation – [Model Update](#) – The traffic analysis zones are being updated. A personal travel survey utilizing a smart phone application is underway. [TIP](#)- Christine participated in consultant selection for the update of VTrans' project prioritization methodology.

Water Quality – Dan drafted and submitted comments on the Phase One Lake Champlain TMDL Plan. Charlie participated in meetings related to the municipal general roads permit and water quality financing for the same.

MS4 Permit – Worked on a Fall ad buy to promote smartwaterways.org. Municipal Water Quality Assistance – Dan participated in the Shelburne Stormwater Summit on 9/22. Charlie met with Commissioner Schuren on 9/28 to discuss TMDL implementation issues. Dan conferred with Richmond and Underhill staff concerning potential grant submissions to develop Stormwater Master Plans. Road Erosion Inventories Kick-off meeting with Fitzgerald Environmental and Milone & MacBroom was held on 9/8 to develop a road erosion site prioritization methodology. Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan - Dan drafted and finalized in consultation with the Clean Water Advisory Committee CCRPC comments on the Plan Implementation Summary Table.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Reporting – Annual reports were prepared for each municipality. Meetings were scheduled with each City Council, Village Trustees, and Town Selectboard to present the report and discuss current initiatives. In September, Charlie met with South Burlington.

Finance, Budget & Accounting – The unaudited results for August were positive, with revenues exceeding expenses by \$13,270. This brings the fiscal year through August income to (\$6,193). Cash levels are adequate for operations. The audit report remains on schedule to be presented to the board at the November meeting.