1. Consent Agenda
N/A this month.

2. Approval of Minutes
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2016 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
AFTER ACCEPTING A REVISION ADDING JUSTIN RABIDOUX TO THE MEMBERS PRESENT LIST.

3. Public Comments
There were none.

4. CCRPC Sidewalk Program Changes
Sue Scribner of VTrans attended the meeting via phone to provide more detail to the memo sent out in the TAC packet. VTrans is proposing to the legislature changes in the programs that fund bicycle and pedestrian projects. Changes include:
- Increasing state funds for the small scale state funded construction projects
- Increasing the local share for these projects
- Making scoping studies under this program a 50/50 split between state and local funds
- Providing operational funding for Local Motion’s Lake Champlain Causeway bike ferry
- Eliminating the Chittenden County Sidewalk Program

Members Present
Bruce Hoar, Williston
Bryan Osborne, Colchester and TAC Chair
Barbara Elliot, Huntington
Amy Bell, VTrans
Justin Rabidoux, South Burlington
Katelin Brewer-Colie, Bicycle/Pedestrian
Bob Henneberger, Seniors
Chris Jolly, FHWA
Peter Wernsdorfer, Winooski
Robin Pierce, Essex Junction
Brian Bigelow, Underhill
Roger Hunt, Milton
Matt Langham, VTrans
Dave Armstrong, CCTA
Dennis Lutz, Essex
Katherine Sonnick, Jericho
Jeanine McCrumb, Charlotte
Nicole Losch, Burlington
Sandy Thibault, CATMA

Staff Present
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Peter Keating, Senior Transportation Planner
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner
Sai Sarepalli, Transportation Planning Engineer
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner

Others Present
Emily Boedecker, Local Motion
Alex Sampson, Winooski
Sue cited several factors behind these changes, including, making more funding available statewide to advance projects, Chittenden County’s favorable position in qualifying for the state programs given the planning/scoping resources available to the MPO and urban friendly evaluation criteria in those programs. She also mentioned that introducing more state only funding would result in more pedestrian infrastructure getting built. Sue also mentioned that federal funding through both the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (BP) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) - over $5M - is available statewide and these program will have an 80/20 federal/local share for project construction. TAC member comments/questions included:

- Towns will not likely use a 50/50 share program for construction projects
- Going from 80/20 or 90/10 programs to one that is 50/50 is a drastic change
- What’s the big picture result of these proposed changes? (answer: Small increases in BP and TA programs although TA has a set-aside for stormwater projects, and there’s the new $300K State funds program)
- The table in the memo illustrates that Chittenden towns have, on average, received 20% of statewide funds through these programs but it could be argued that Chittenden County needs are higher.
- Is this proposal a “done deal?” Is it worth talking to the legislature about the changes, especially the increase in local share?
- The legislative transportation committee will be reviewing this. Charlie Baker asked that if any towns want to take this up with the legislative committees to let him know.

5. Way to Go! Update
Bryan Davis thanked the TAC for replying by email regarding the selection of Place Creative as the firm to manage this program in the upcoming year. Bryan mentioned that when the program expanded statewide in 2010 with state funding, the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation took the program on but it now seemed more appropriate to let a marketing specialist assume management. Recent performance showed flat individual/employer registrations although school participation was up. Bryan reported that kick-off meeting took place last week and a decision was made to shift the two week event from May to September. He also reported that there would be a search for media sponsor to help boost participation.

6. Burlington North Avenue Corridor Update
Jason Charest gave an update of what was going on with this recently in-the-news project in Burlington. He first provided some background information;
A CCRPC 2013/2014 Corridor Study which resulted in
- Short, medium, long term recommendations,
- City Council Resolution creating the
  - North Avenue Task Force, and a
  - Pilot Project (short term) for a 4 to 3 lane road diet
Jason then described the details of the road diet and its benefits – reducing speeding and crashes and allowing the repurposing of the public space – in this case for a protected bike lane. He also noted other road diet details and possible consequences:
- 20,000 AADT Rule of Thumb – if higher it may not be a good candidate
- Some increase in travel time is expected
- Retiming signals is critical to making it work
- Un-signalized side streets can see increased delay
- Potential to divert traffic
Staff has collected quite a bit of data for the before pilot project conditions, including travel times and speeds, vehicle, pedestrian and bike counts and High Crash Locations (HCL) – two of these are on two segments between Ethan Allen Parkway and Shore Road.
Jason then shifted to the project as a current news story due to a petition effort to roll back the pilot project. City council has agreed to have an item on the Town Meeting day ballot asking the public if four lanes should remain on the roadway through a specific stretch. While City Council approved the ballot item, most are still on record of supporting the pilot project. The pilot schedule:

- Contracted with Stantec for striping and signal assistance
- Preparation of revised signal timing plans
- Spring/Summer 2016 implementation
- Monitor pilot and collect feedback throughout
- Make final decision Spring/Summer 2017 to make pilot permanent or not

7. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports
Bryan Osborne directed TAC members to the project list on the back of the agenda page and asked if members had any questions.

8. CCRPC January Board Meeting Report
Peter mentioned the FY17 UPWP public forum and approval of the regional ITS Plan, district leveling priorities and the mid-year UPWP budget adjustment.

9. Chairman’s/Members’ Items
Justin Rabidoux brought up the subject of shared services/staff among municipalities. He mentioned a Bike/Ped staffing need in South Burlington and the inability to budget for Full Time Equivalents (FTE) but thought that sharing positions between towns could make sense. He’s looking for other interested communities to discuss this further.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Keating