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2 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
3 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday, August 7, 2018
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal St. Winooski, VT
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10 **Members Present**

11 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
12 Dean Bloch, Charlotte
13 Brian Bigelow, Underhill
14 Jon Rauscher, Winooski
15 Luke Valentine, St. George
16 Amy Bell, VTrans
17 Sandy Thibault, CATMA
18 Nicole Losch, Burlington
19 Barbara Elliot, Huntington
20 Annie Costandi, Essex
21 Allegra Williams, Local Motion
22 Rachel Kennedy, GMT

Staff Present

Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Project Manager
Sai Sarepalli, Transportation Planning Engineer
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Peter Keating, Senior Transportation Planner
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Chris Dubin, Transportation Planner
Pam Brangan, GIS, Data & IT Manager
Charlie Baker, Executive Director

23 **Others**

24 Dave Pelletier, VTrans
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27 Peter Keating called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and asked for a round of introductions.
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29 **1. Consent Agenda**

30 No items this month.
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32 **2. Approval of Minutes**

33 AMY BELL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DEAN PIERCE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
34 OF THE JUNE 5, 2018 TAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BARBARA ELLIOT
35 ABSTAINING.
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37 **3. Public Comments**

38 None.
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40 **4. VTrans Long Range Transportation Plan**

41 Dave Pelletier of VTrans began his presentation describing project background and the work that has
42 been completed to date. He explained plan purpose and context, described the plan vision statement, and
43 distributed a handout that identified the plan's six goals with corresponding objectives and strategies. The
44 plan's six goal areas are:

- 45 • Improve safety and security across all modes,
- 46 • Preserve Vermont's multimodal transportation system and optimize its performance,
- 47 • Provide mobility options and accessibility for all users of the system,
- 48 • Leverage transportation investments to increase Vermont's economic vitality,
- 49 • Practice environmental stewardship, and
- 50 • Support livable, healthy communities.

51 For each of the goal statements Dave provided a sampling of objectives and strategies. He concluded with
52 a list of the plan implementation partners (including RPCs) and identified the next steps:

- 53 • Summer 2018 RPC Transportation Advisory Committee presentations
- 54 • Final edits to Draft Plan

- 1 • Post and distribute for public comment
- 2 • Adopt and publish

3 In the follow up discussion the following items came up:

- 4 • Defining what “security” means in the plan context,
- 5 • Include local emergency services in the strategies related to coordinated disaster response,
- 6 • Note the desire for railroads to cooperate with other parties on issues related to crossings and
- 7 sidings,
- 8 • Note the inclusion of school buses for public transportation,
- 9 • Encourage investment in transit services as well as capital/facilities, and
- 10 • What actions VTrans takes to adopt the final document.

11 **5. VT Culverts**

12 Pam Brangan accessed this project website to illustrate recent updates. She first inquired about the level
13 of use/familiarity TAC members had of this resource. She noted that the site is essentially a database of
14 town-maintained structures: bridges and culverts, and is intended to help towns prioritize infrastructure
15 investments and their overall capital planning for municipal facilities. Pam reported that VTrans
16 structures have recently been added to the database. Also, a new feature is the statistics function and
17 work is underway to link VT Culverts to the Agency of Natural Resources geomorphic data for sites that
18 overlap. The RPCs are partnering with VTrans, Local Roads, and VLCT on a webinar that will lead to
19 more help links to the website.

20 **6. Water Quality Updates**

21 Chris Dubin discussed the results of both a DEC and VTrans grant program for water quality related
22 roadway improvements, and also talked about next years’ programs. He discussed the RPC’s efforts in
23 managing and updating the ever-changing Road Erosion Inventory and how CCRPC intends to continue
24 to make the database more complete, correct, and usable. Chris also discussed current planning/scoping
25 grants and how they may change for this current fiscal year. TAC members were asked for reasons the
26 most recent request for planning assistance drew no interest. A sentiment to implement rather than
27 continuing with planning work was expressed. CCRPC will keep the offer open all year should interest
28 come back up. Barbara Elliot asked if road segments can be linked to VT Culverts. Pam responded that
29 she can do this for the town.

30 **7. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

31 Peter referred members to the project list on the reverse side of the meeting agenda.

32 **8. CCRPC July Board Meeting Report**

33 Peter mentioned the Board held a public hearing and approved the FY 19–22 TIP

34 **9. Chairman’s/Members’ Items**

35 No items.

36 The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

37 Respectfully submitted, Peter Keating