

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
3 DRAFT MINUTES
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5 DATE: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6 TIME: 6:15 p.m.

7 PLACE: CCRPC offices, 110 W. Canal Street, Suite 202; Winooski, VT 05404

8 PRESENT: Bolton: Sharon Murray Buel's Gore: Absent
9 Burlington: Rob Fish, Alt. Charlotte: Jim Donovan
10 Colchester: Jeff Bartley Essex: Jeff Carr
11 Essex Jct. Dan Kerin Hinesburg: Andrea Morgante
12 Huntington: Barbara Elliott Jericho: Catherine McMains
13 Milton: Tony Micklus Richmond: Bard Hill
14 St. George: Absent Shelburne: John Zicconi
15 So. Burlington: Chris Shaw (6:33 p.m.) Underhill: Brian Bigelow
16 Westford: VACANT Williston: Chris Roy
17 Winooski: Mike O'Brien VTrans: Amy Bell
18 Bus/Industry: Absent Cons/Env: Don Meals
19 Socio/Econ/Housing: Justin Dextrateur Agriculture: Tom Eaton
20 Others: Wayne Howe, Jericho Alt. Scott Moody, CCTV

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22 Staff: Charlie Baker, Executive Director Dan Albrecht, Senior Planner
23 Pam Brangan, GIS, IT, Data Mgr. Jason Charest, Sr. Trans. Engineer
24 Eleni Churchill, Trans. Program Mgr. Marshall Distel, Trans. Planner
25 Bernie Ferenc, Trans. Bus. Mgr. Christine Forde, Sr. Trans. Planner
26 Peter Keating, Sr. Trans. Planner Regina Mahony, Planning Prog. Mgr.
27 Emily Nosse-Leirer, Sr. Planner
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29 [Note: This CCRPC meeting was preceded by a 45-minute training session on MPO basics. The October
30 and November meetings will also be preceded by training sessions delving into more specific MPO
31 duties and responsibilities.]
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33 1. Call to order; changes to the Agenda. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by the chair, Chris
34 Roy. There were no changes to the agenda.
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36 2. Public Comment period on items NOT on the agenda. There were no members of the public present.
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38 3. Action on Consent Agenda. There were no consent agenda items.
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40 4. Approve Minutes of July 18, 2018 CCRPC meeting. MIKE O'BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY
41 CATHERINE MCMAINS. Catherine McMains asked that line 8 on page 2 be corrected to say "by
42 category" rather than "be category." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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44 5. Appoint Agriculture Sector Representative to Board. Charlie noted that CCRPC has regional board
45 members representing various sectors. We have been without a representative from Agriculture for
46 many years. We were recently contacted by the Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition with a candidate –
47 Tom Eaton. Charlie met with Tom to discuss the position and both he and the Executive Committee
48 recommend that we appoint Tom Eaton to represent the Agriculture Sector. JEFF CARR MADE A

1 MOTION, SECONDED BY JIM DONOVAN, TO APPOINT TOM EATON AS AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVE
2 TO THE CCRPC. Andrea Morgante noted that much of Mr. Eaton's experience is with dairy farmers and
3 wants to be sure he will include the interests of vegetable and other specialty farmers. Mr. Eaton works
4 with all types of farmers. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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6 6. St. George Town Plan Public Hearing and Approval. SHARON MURRAY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED
7 BY ANDREA MORGANTE, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:19 P.M. Emily gave a brief history of this
8 process noting that in November 2017 the PAC reviewed the plan and found it meets all statutory
9 requirements for CCRPC approval; that the municipality's planning process meets all statutory
10 requirements for CCRPC confirmation; and, recommending it be sent to the Board for approval. This
11 plan was approved by the St. George Selectboard on February 15, 2018. DAN KERIN MADE A MOTION,
12 SECONDED BY TONY MICKLUS, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:22 P.M. MOTION CARRIED
13 UNANIMOUSLY.
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15 SHARON MURRAY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JIM DONOVAN, THAT THE CCRPC BOARD APPROVE
16 THE 2018 ST. GEORGE TOWN PLAN AND CONFIRM THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE'S PLANNING PROCESS IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MUNICIPAL
18 REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT. (The signed resolution is appended to these minutes.)
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20 7. Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes and Approval of
21 Municipal Plans Review. JEFF CARR MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ROB FISH, THAT THE CCRPC BOARD
22 ADOPT THESE GUIDELINES AS EDITED. Emily noted that CCRPC's 2018 ECOS Plan received a
23 "Determination of Energy Compliance" from the Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) on August
24 9, 2018. CCRPC is now able to review municipal plans and grant affirmative Determinations of Energy
25 Compliance. The edits in the Guidelines are proposed to reflect this new process. MOTION CARRIED
26 UNANIMOUSLY.
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28 8. Winooski Tactical Basin Plan Overview. Dan Albrecht noted that this plan was written by D.E.C. staff.
29 Dan presented a slideshow describing the Purpose & Content of Tactical Basin Plans (TBP); role of RPCs
30 in the TBP development; the plan content: geography, assessments, stressors, actions, and monitoring
31 objectives; implementation of the TBP; CCRPC comment and conformance letter and next steps. All
32 TBPs contain the same basic information. The Winooski TBP also includes: phosphorus reduction
33 targets for the Winooski River Basin to minimize pollution into Lake Champlain. CCRPC staff has been
34 reviewing the draft plan for the last few months. There will be a public meeting on the plan in October.
35 Dan then reviewed maps showing the geography of the entire Winooski Basin; the geography of the
36 Winooski Basin in Chittenden County; and water resource assessments for several local brooks and
37 ponds describing whether they were impaired, stressed or altered waters and the planned actions. He
38 then reviewed the phosphorus base load and reduction targets to meet TMDL; the top objectives of the
39 Basin Plan; specific strategies for sub-basin; and reviewed how the strategies and actions are
40 implemented. Vermont statute requires an analysis and formal RPC recommendation on conformance
41 with the goals and objectives of applicable regional plans. Regina noted that 3 out of the 8 ECOS Plan
42 strategies support and move toward the same goals of the Winooski Tactical Basin Plan: #2. Develop in
43 areas planned for growth; #3. Water quality protection and restoration; and #4. Rural lands and habitat
44 protection. Next steps: On Sept. 25th staff will send the draft CCRPC Regional Plan conformance &
45 comments letter to CWAC for pre-meeting review. October 2nd at 11 a.m. – DEC staff will attend the
46 CWAC meeting and answer questions on the TBP. The CWAC recommends a conformance letter and
47 forwards to full Commission. October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. a public forum on the draft Winooski TBP will be
48 co-hosted by CCRPC and the DEC at the Williston Police Station. At the October 17th CCRPC Board

1 meeting, CCRPC will take public comments and act upon a conformance letter and final comments to
2 DEC.

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4 Justin Dextrateur said the big question is who will come up with the priority projects to add to the
5 database. How are these being developed? Is it coming from the state or local communities? Dan said
6 the state has identified projects that have come from the TBP. What is a challenge is that the state has
7 set the broad framework. Discussion ensued about how these will get funds to develop a project. Right
8 now this looks like municipalities will apply for grants. Charlie said the Lamoille TBP named over 1,000
9 projects and so it isn't easy to prioritize. He noted that Secretary of ANR, Julie Moore, has testified that
10 90% of the clean water challenge will be achieved through permit compliance.

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12 From the regional analysis in the basin plan, the prioritization is largely left to the municipalities based
13 on some guidance in their permits. Discussion continued about how projects are prioritized.

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15 Andrea Morgante said the Winooski basin doesn't include Charlotte at all, but we should at least include
16 Charlotte on the map. These are DEC maps and we should let them know. Figure 23 should be labeled
17 as to whether the roads included are in the town or the basin itself. Jim Donovan questioned whether
18 agriculture is a major source in this basin.

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20 9. Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Membership. Charlie noted that we've had a CWAC for
21 several years. It started as an ad hoc committee but was added to our bylaws as a standing committee
22 in 2017. The CWAC membership from CCRPC bylaws states: "There shall be members and
23 representatives of organizations as follows:

- 24 • 1 CCRPC Board member or Alternate (who may also represent their municipality)
- 25 • Representatives of the County's 19 municipalities
- 26 • University of Vermont
- 27 • Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)
- 28 • Vermont Agency of Transportation
- 29 • Burlington International Airport
- 30 • Other voting or non-voting members as may be determined appropriate by the CCRPC after a
31 recommendation from the CWAC."

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33 Charlie noted that we have a standard contract with DEC, covering all RPCs, to assist with tactical basin
34 plans and water quality planning. At the end of August, we received the FY19 contract, and language
35 was added that states that: "Each RPC will have an advisory committee that includes municipalities,
36 conservation districts, watershed groups, and other interested parties to provide recommendations
37 regarding TBPs and related water quality issues (existing committees, such as Natural Resource or Clean
38 Water committees may serve this role)." The state is trying to show the legislature it is consistent. Our
39 membership does not currently include watershed groups or conservation districts. We are unique
40 because we are the first to have a CWAC and we also have a unique MS4 situation. Staff is concerned
41 that we will not comply with the grant agreement requirement in FY19 when the Winooski Basin Plan is
42 considered by the CWAC at their October meeting. At their last meeting, the CWAC recommended that
43 the membership be kept as is until we can establish guidelines for membership.

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1 Charlie reviewed the comments received regarding the staff recommendation he had sent to the board
2 and CWAC members. Based on these comments the new staff recommendation is:

3 “That the Board add Friends of the Winooski, Lewis Creek Association, and Winooski Natural Resource
4 Conservation District to the CWAC as voting members. Interim guidelines to guide future CWAC
5 recommendations as to membership are: 1) the organization’s primary focus is on watersheds that are
6 within Chittenden County; 2) that they are established non-profit organizations with a track record of
7 participating as partners with our municipalities on water quality project education, monitoring, and/or
8 implementation; 3) that they are not political or legal advocacy groups; and, 4) that at least two
9 municipalities nominate the organization based upon their partnerships with the organization. These
10 guidelines may be updated by the CWAC as they determine in the future.”

11 We’re talking about inviting these organizations and they may decide not to join. Don Meals noted that
12 the CWAC had about five minutes to discuss this. He personally feels we are taking too narrow a view of
13 who should be at the table, but he also feels there are many avenues for organizations to comment on
14 the basin plans. He also objects to #4 (above). Chris Roy feels that is covered in #2 (above). Discussion
15 ensued. Charlie noted that municipal members were concerned that membership could be
16 recommended from outside sources. Jeff Carr questioned why not “ex-officio” vs. “voting” members.
17 His understanding is that voting members bear responsibility for decisions. It was noted that the CWAC
18 would only recommend action to the CCRPC board and none of these organizations have representation
19 on the board, even if CWAC membership expanded, municipal control is at this table. Charlie said they
20 may not be financing a project, but these three organizations do apply for and receive grants. He
21 suggested voting because they actively seek funding for water quality projects in our region. A lengthy
22 discussion continued. Chris Roy feels that these would be the interim and the CWAC would come up
23 with more permanent guidelines. Dan Kerin feels it’s a slippery slope because what if more groups
24 come along down the road. Discussion continued about the fact that this commission does have the
25 vote on whether to adjust the members of a committee. Bard Hill said he would trust the CWAC to
26 make the recommendation based on what the bylaws already say. Charlie is trying to have some place
27 for the CWAC to start. Rob Fish supports them being voting members because they’ll be more likely to
28 participate; and the board makes the final decision. Jeff Carr would support them being voting
29 members if we have guidelines fully vetted by the CWAC so he suggested we add them as non-voting
30 and ask the CWAC whether they should be voting members. Discussion continued. Chris Roy said this is
31 a requirement of our grant agreement with ANR and it says these organizations will participate in our
32 CWAC. We are the only RPC that doesn’t include these organizations. Mike O’Brien feels we might be
33 moving too fast because of the other voting comments in the bylaws. Shouldn’t we let the CWAC make
34 a recommendation. Discussion continued that we do have a recommendation from the CWAC to leave
35 membership as is. However, our grant agreement states we’ll include these organizations. DON MEALS
36 MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JOHN ZICCONI, THAT THESE THREE ORGANIZATIONS (FRIENDS OF THE
37 WINOOSKI, LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION AND WINOOSKI NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
38 DISTRICT) BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AS FULL MEMBERS OF THE CWAC ; AND 2) THE CWAC BE
39 INSTRUCTED TO COME UP WITH REASONABLE POLICIES AND CRITERIA TO GUIDE FUTURE
40 NOMINATIONS. BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO ADD THAT THE CWAC WOULD
41 PRESENT CRITERIA TO THE BOARD FOR FUTURE MEMBERSHIP. DON AND JOHN ACCEPTED THE
42 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. It was noted that there are no non-voting members now. Jeff Carr asked if he
43 could offer a friendly amendment to say that the number of non-municipal members will not exceed 6.
44 Don would not support that. Andrea said she is a board member of the Lewis Creek Association. They
45 have representation from Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg and some towns in Addison County.
46 There is only a small portion of the Winooski Basin in Shelburne. The CWAC includes MS4 towns and it’s

1 important for rural towns to participate in that. The staff in rural communities are not able to
2 participate and she thinks it's important to have these 3 organizations at the table because it'll bring
3 more conversation for the rural municipalities.

4 VOTE: MOTION CARRIED WITH DAN KERIN AND JEFF CARR VOTING NO.

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6 10. Comment Letter on DEC Draft Stormwater permitting Rule. Dan Albrecht said we are commenting
7 on the process and we've had time to review and prepare comments. Jeff Carr questioned comment
8 #22 and asked why we'd want to increase the fee for each acre of impervious surface. Charlie said
9 these are for private developers who are not paying enough to cover the cost of retrofitting stormwater
10 systems. MIKE O'BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DON MEALS TO APPROVE THE STAFF
11 RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE COMMENT LETTER AND SUBMIT IT TO DEC. MOTION CARRIED
12 WITH JEFF CARR VOTING NO.

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14 11. National Highway System Changes. Jason Charest and Marshall Distel presented the updates to the
15 NHS maps. Overview: The NHS consists of roadways that are important to the nation's economy,
16 defense and mobility. The vast majority of the US population lives within 5 miles of an NHS route. In
17 Chittenden County the NHS includes the interstate, other NHS routes and intermodal connectors. Why
18 does the NHS matter? It establishes a well-connected and efficient transportation system; supports
19 intermodal transportation planning and economic development; and there may be funding implications
20 if pavement and bridge condition targets are not met. MAP-21 added 43.9 miles of new NHS routes
21 many of which do not meet the purpose of the NHS. VTrans has since removed all MAP-21 NHS
22 additions outside of Chittenden County. Chittenden County NHS mileage pre-MAP-21 was 120.9 miles;
23 MAP-21 – it rose to 164.8 and CCRPC staff recommendation is to reduce it to 137.4 miles. The approval
24 process included TAC recommendation in June, Executive Committee approval in August and we are
25 looking for board approval tonight. CCRPC will then submit the official request to VTrans and VTrans will
26 submit the official request to FHWA headquarters for review and approval. CCRPC staff has been
27 working with VTrans and they are on board with these recommendations. CCRPC staff recommendation
28 is that "the Board accept the final CCRPC staff recommendation as presented (Proposed NHS Map) with
29 the additional intermodal connection to the Burlington Downtown Transit Center and the understanding
30 that it will be reviewed and amended as necessary as the transportation system changes; and that the
31 Board request that VTrans consider these changes as presented for submittal to FHWA." Jason showed
32 the maps of the Existing NHS system and the Proposed NHS System side by side.

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34 Lengthy discussion ensued about why we would want to decrease the mileage. Amy Bell said the
35 important thing is that the number of miles on the NHS meet the criteria of the NHS. We need a
36 regional network that is sustainable. Eleni Churchill said there are some specific issues that if we don't
37 reach targets on the NHS there is a penalty that is associated with it. The state receives funding to
38 address NHS issues. The state has been able to take funding from NHS and change it to give to other
39 projects in the federal-aid system. If we don't meet the targets it'll have to be spent just on the NHS.
40 We are not getting more money into the system. We get \$120M for NHS and the more mileage we
41 have, it'll dilute those dollars. We don't have enough money to fix everything. Jim Donovan wondered
42 why the connection from Winooski to Burlington isn't included. Jason said staff feels it is redundant.
43 Lengthy discussion continued. Charlie noted that we've asked a lot of these questions - like are we
44 taking funding away from our area? The federal pot of money has been flexed to do a lot of other things
45 in Chittenden County such as transit etc. VTrans will still flex funding as needed. We were hoping that
46 we wouldn't put any more burden on the municipalities. John Zicconi said it's a double-edged sword as
47 we really don't know what the future will bring. There is a lot of flexibility right now. MOTION:
48 BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY CATHERINE MCMAINS, TO APPROVE THE STAFF

1 RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FINAL CCRPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION AS
 2 PRESENTED (PROPOSED NHS MAP) WITH THE ADDITIONAL INTERMODAL CONNECTION TO THE
 3 BURLINGTON DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER AND THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE REVIEWED
 4 AND AMENDED AS NECESSARY AS THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CHANGES; AND THAT THE BOARD
 5 REQUEST THAT VTRANS CONSIDER THESE CHANGES AS PRESENTED FOR SUBMITTAL TO FHWA.
 6 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (THIS IS MPO BUSINESS SO ONLY MUNICIPAL REPS AND VTRANS
 7 VOTED.)
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9 **12. Transportation Performance Measures (TPM) Report.** Peter Keating noted that the Board will be
 10 asked to act on these targets in October. Tonight, he presented the background. TPM is part of Federal
 11 Law (MAP-21, 2012; FAST ACT, 2015); national goals were established for: safety; infrastructure
 12 condition (pavement and bridges); congestion; system reliability; freight; environmental sustainability
 13 (air emissions); and reduce project delivery delays. Rulemaking set performance measures, identified
 14 roles and responsibilities, and set target deadlines. The targets require coordination among key parties:
 15 VTrans, CCRPC and GMT. The General Rule – CCRPC has 180 days after VTrans sets targets for specific
 16 measures to either: agree to support VTrans statewide targets, OR establish our own targets. The
 17 board adopted safety targets at their February 2018 meeting.
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19 Eleni Churchill then reviewed the new measures and targets we must consider. The first is
 20 Infrastructure Condition Measures and Targets including % interstate pavement in good/poor condition;
 21 % non-interstate NHS pavement in good/poor condition and % NHS bridges in good/poor condition.
 22 VTrans submitted targets around April 30th so we have a deadline of October 27, 2018 to adopt them.
 23 Eleni reviewed the VTrans statewide targets.

Pavement				
NHS Pavement Condition as of 12/31/2017				
VTrans	Interstate System		Non-Interstate NHS	
	640.35 miles		457.69 miles	
	Percentage of pavements of the Interstate in Good Condition		Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate in Good Condition	
	173.3 miles	27.1%	101.55 miles	22.2%
	Target:	35.0%	Target:	30.0%
	Percentage of pavements of the Interstate in Poor Condition ¹		Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate in Poor Condition	
	13.27 miles	2.1%	51.25 miles	11.2%
	Target:	4.9%	Target:	9.9%
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5.0%		10.0%		

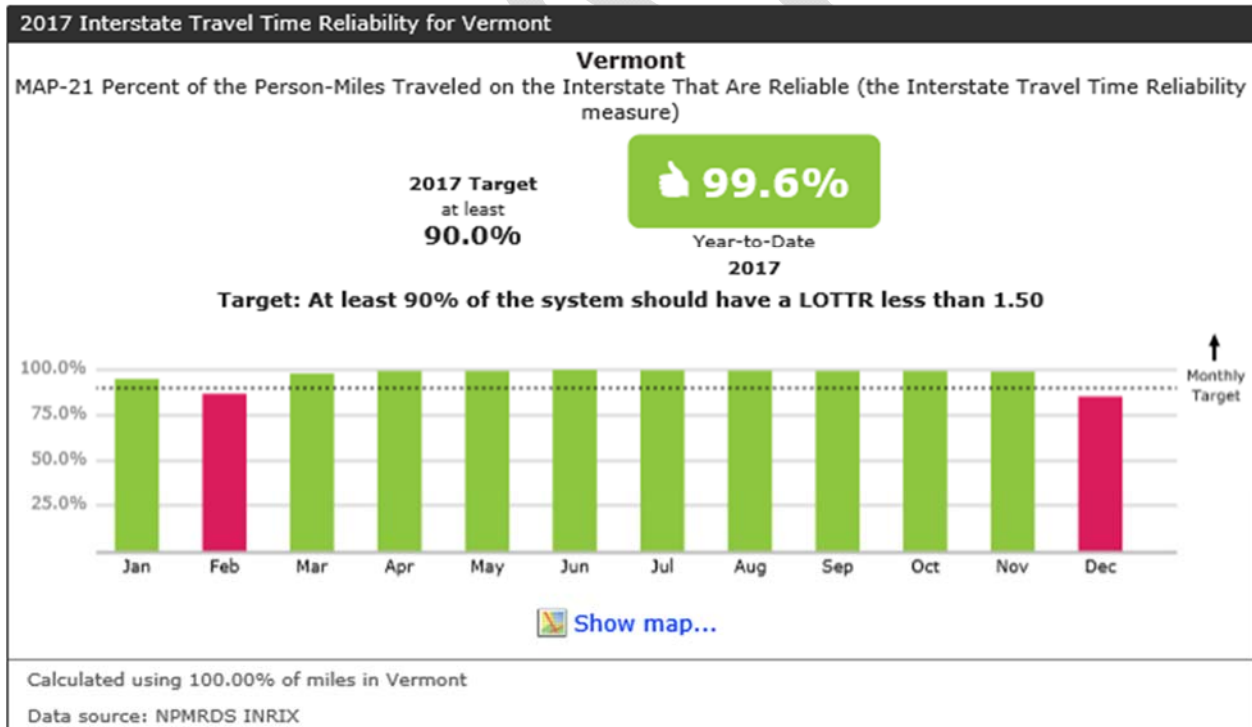
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 26 The penalty for not meeting these targets for three consecutive years would be that VTrans would lose
 27 the flexibility of using these funds on other NHPP projects and have to spend more money on interstate
 28 and NHS maintenance projects. If the targets are met, we can flex up to 50% on other federal aid
 29 projects.
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Bridges		
NHS Bridge Condition by Deck Area as of 12/31/2017		
VTrans	All NHS Bridges	
	Percentage of NHS Bridges classified as in Good Condition:	
	Current:	47.1%
	Target:	35.0%
	Percentage of NHS Bridges classified as in Poor Condition	
	Current:	2.5%
	Target:	6.0%
	Federal Maximum:	10%¹

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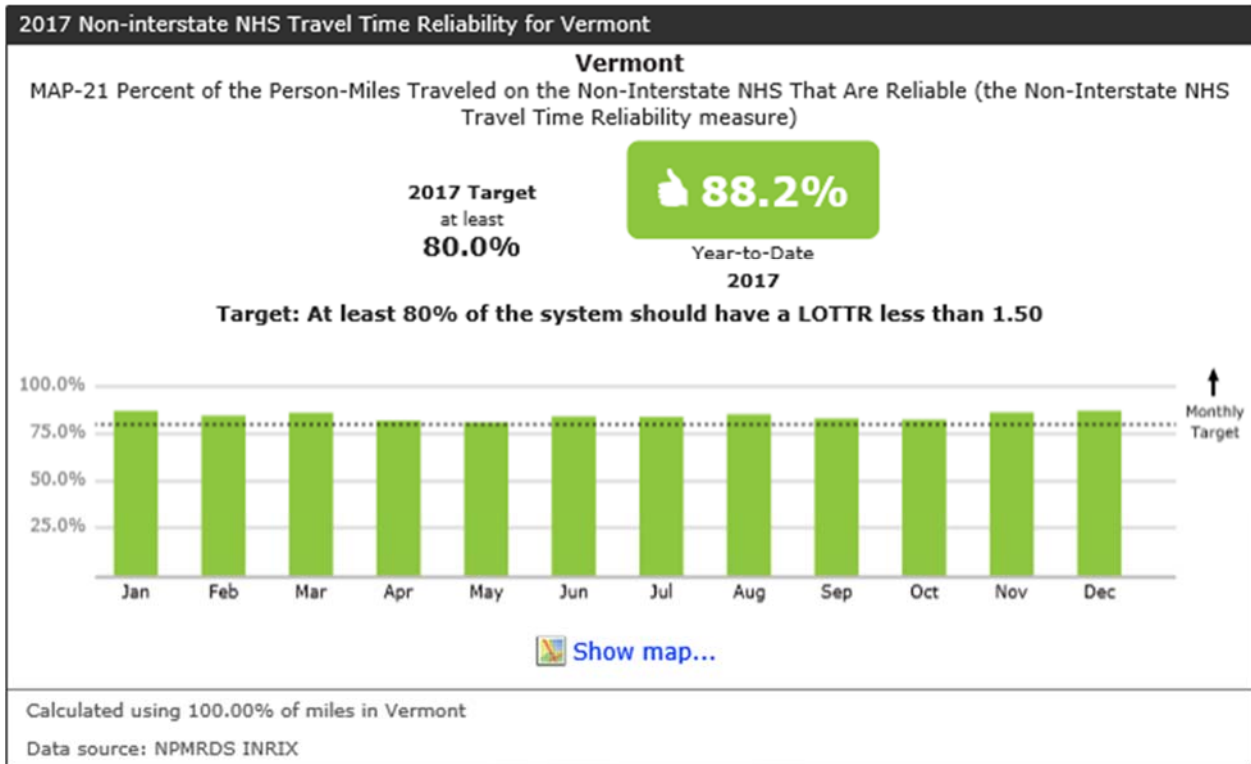
The bridges are all bridges on NHS and not just on the interstate.

The next measure is NHS system reliability measures and targets. System Reliability: % person miles traveled (PMT) on Interstate that are reliable; and % PMT on non-interstate NHS that are reliable. Freight: Truck travel time reliability index (interstates). VTrans submitted this on May 14th and CCRPC deadline is November 10, 2018.

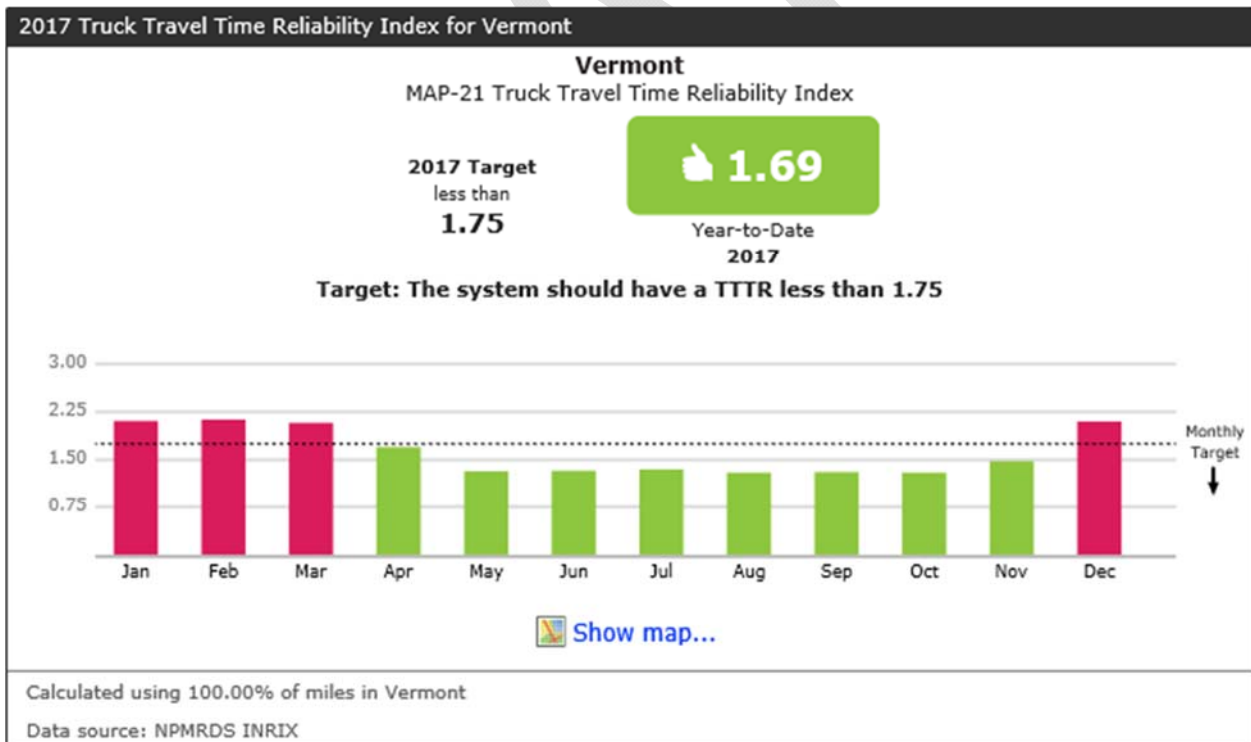


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Eleni said this is an annual target and we don't have much data except for 2017 and soon 2018.



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Preliminary staff recommendation: board should adopt the VTrans statewide targets for: NHS pavement and bridge condition measures; NHS system Reliability Measures – time travel reliability and freight movements. Reasons for staff recommendation: no practical policy or funding benefits or negative implications; extra work and coordination would be required with no clear benefits; no historic

1 data for pavement conditions on the municipally owned NHS highway in the state, including Chittenden
2 County; available data for the non-interstate NHS routes in Chittenden County is unreliable; and, as we
3 collect and monitor data under this category the Board will have the opportunity to set targets for the
4 MPO area in the future. Amy noted that if CCRPC adopted our own targets, we'd have to do our own
5 analysis. VTrans anticipates that as data gets better they will revise the targets.

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7 The Congestion Reduction and Environmental Sustainability – the measures under these goals do not
8 apply to VT or Chittenden County as we do not meet the minimum population threshold or air quality
9 status. Reduced Project Delivery Delays – measures are TBD. Next steps: TAC will review these at their
10 October 2nd meeting and the Board will be asked to act upon them on October 17, 2018.

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12 13. Chair/Executive Director's Report.

- 13 a. Chris Roy presented service awards to Jim Donovan for 10 years and to Mike O'Brien and
14 Andrea Morgante for 20 years of service on the CCRPC/CCMPO board.
- 15 b. Charlie has been scheduling times on selectboard agendas. He's sending them their individual
16 annual report and would like the municipal rep to join him at those meetings. He will let
17 members know when he'll be visiting their towns.
- 18 c. The Commission on Act 250 held a workshop in Burlington last week and about 80 people
19 attended. They will be making recommendations by the end of this calendar year. We will be
20 asking for members to serve on an ad hoc committee to review those recommendations. They
21 have offered to give us the material to present a workshop.
- 22 d. Cabinet for a Day in Chittenden County. The Governor has been traveling the state to have his
23 cabinet meet with regional and local officials. They will be coming to Chittenden County on
24 Wednesday, September 28th. There may be some opportunity to get together. The
25 Commissioner of Public Service will meet with us next Wednesday afternoon. We'll also
26 meeting with Transportation Secretary, Joe Flynn that morning.
- 27 e. Building Homes Together. There will be a press conference on October 10th with the latest
28 status report. We're hosting another housing convening in October as well.
- 29 f. Legislative breakfast will be coming up in December although a date has not been set.

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31 14. Committee/Liaison Activities and Reports. Various committee meeting minutes were included in
32 the board packet.

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34 15. Members' Items, Other Business:

- 35 a. Jeff Carr encouraged all members to attend the next board training prior to the October
36 meeting. It's an important 45 minutes and you will get fed.

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38 16. Adjourn. JOHN ZICCONI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JIM DONOVAN, TO ADJOURN THE
39 MEETING AT 8:50 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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41 Respectfully submitted,

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43 Bernadette Ferenc

**Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)
Resolution**

2018 St. George Town Plan & Planning Process

WHEREAS, Title 24, V.S.A. § 4350 in part requires that CCRPC shall review the municipal planning process of our member municipalities including review of plans; that each review shall include a public hearing which is noticed as provided in 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b); and that before approving a plan the Commission shall find that it:

1. is consistent with the goals established in Section 4302 of this title;
2. is compatible with its Regional Plan;
3. is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region;
4. contains all the elements included in § 4382(a)(1)-(12) of this Title.

WHEREAS, the CCRPC at its October 19, 2016 meeting approved the *CCRPC Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes and Approval of Municipal Plans* dealing with local plans and CCRPC action; and

WHEREAS, The Town of St. George, Vermont is a member municipality of this Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Town of St. George formally requested CCRPC to approve its 2018 Town Plan and confirm its planning process; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the 2018 Town Plan and planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the records and recommended that the Commission approve the 2018 St. George Town Plan as meeting the requirements of 24 V.S.A. § 4350 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes and Approval of Municipal Plans* and confirms the community's planning process as consistent with Title 24, Chapter 117; and

WHEREAS, though the 2018 St. George Town Plan as adopted refers to expired town plans and the expired 2006 Regional Plan in describing its compatibility with the plans of adjoining municipalities and the regional plan, CCRPC staff have confirmed that the 2018 St. George Town Plan is compatible with the current adopted municipal plans of adjoining municipalities and with the adopted 2018 ECOS Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Town of St. George Selectboard adopted the 2018 St. George Town Plan at a warned public hearing on February 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the CCRPC held a warned public hearing at the CCRPC, located at 110 W. Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, Vermont on September 19, 2018, to receive comments on the Plan;

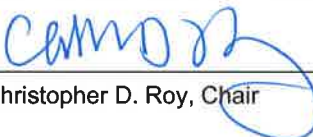
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, that, in compliance with 24 V.S.A. § 4350 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes and Approval of Municipal Plans*, CCRPC approves the 2018 St. George Town Plan and the Commission finds that said Plan:

1. is consistent with the goals established in Section 4302 of Title 24;
2. is compatible with the *2018 Chittenden County Regional Plan, entitled the ECOS Plan*, adopted June 20, 2018;
3. is compatible with the approved plans from other adjacent Chittenden County municipalities; and
4. contains all the elements included in § 4382(a)(1)-(12) and/or is making substantial progress toward attainment of the elements of this subsection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, that, in compliance with 24 V.S.A. § 4350 and the *Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes and Approval of Municipal Plans*, CCRPC confirms the Town of St. George's municipal planning process.

Dated at Winooski, this 19th day of September, 2018.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



Christopher D. Roy, Chair