



FY2020 UPWP Committee Meeting 1
January 24, 2019

Attendees:

Mike O'Brien, Committee Chair
Amy Bell, VTrans (via phone)
Chris Jolly, FHWA
John Zicconi, Board
Mike Bissonnette, Board
Jeff Bartley, Board
Karen Yacos, Local Motion
Allegra Williams, Local Motion
Annie Bourdon, CarShare VT

Jessica Draper, PAC
Justin Rabidoux, TAC
Rachel Kennedy, GMT
Sandy Thibault, CATMA
Charlie Baker, CCRPC
Regina Mahony, CCRPC
Forest Cohen, CCRPC
Marshall Distel, CCRPC
Bernie Ferenc, CCRPC
Christine Forde, CCRPC
Bryan Davis, CCRPC

- Committee Chair Mike O'Brien opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Introductions were made.
- Marshall provided an overview of the UPWP process and detailed how the UPWP Committee will be assisting with the development of the FY20 Work Program.
- Rachel Kennedy outlined GMT's transit planning tasks that were underway in FY19 and introduced the FY20 tasks. Total ridership is up 3.3% when compared to FY18 (Local routes: 2.8%, Local commuter: 14.8%, Link routes: 8%). An overview of service planning, NTD reporting, ride check (Annual survey of boardings/deboardings), miscellaneous planning activities and public engagement efforts were provided. Lastly, Rachel presented the FY20 scope of work for GMT. The \$402,340 request represents a level funding ask from FY19.
- Following the GMT presentation, Marshall introduced the other partner organizations. Allegra Williams from Local Motion provided the first presentation. Allegra outlined how Local Motion has been providing their services to enhance walking and biking in Chittenden County. Local Motion supports municipalities, businesses, commuters, schools and local bike-walk advocacy groups through education and technical assistance. Their work focuses on identifying methods to encourage more people to choose walking and biking as a mode of transportation. Local Motion's work areas were outlined, and some examples of recent projects were provided.
- Annie Bourdon provided an overview of CarShare Vermont, which has a mission to provide a convenient and affordable alternative to private vehicle ownership, while also enhancing the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of our region and planet. CarShare Vermont is one of 4 remaining independent carsharing operators in the U.S. Over 1,000 members from all over the Burlington area are served by a fleet of 16 vehicles. Annie stressed that her organization is nearly 80% funded through CarShare Vermont users. The other 20% comes from Go Vermont, foundations, donations and the

CCRPC UPWP. Examples of past UPWP projects were provided, as well as an overview of the two FY20 requests: “Old North End Park It! Pledge,” and “Housing for People, Not Cars.”

- Sandy Thibault delivered a presentation on CATMA, a non-profit, membership-based, transportation management association serving Chittenden County. They administer and manage customized transportation demand management programs that offer members better and more sustainable options to get to work, ways to save money, reduce parking challenges and congestion, and cut carbon emissions. Sandy provided an overview of the history of CATMA, their expansion to Regional Transportation Management Association, establishment of the Employee Transportation Coordinator Network (ETC) and how CATMA has been collecting local commuter data via surveys. For FY20, CATMA hopes to strengthen and create strategic partnerships, support new TDM policies and programs, engage transportation groups, enhance regional bikeshare/first-last mile solutions and increase the utilization of carpools and vanpools.
- Leah Soderquist presented on behalf of United Way, which has partnered with the CCRPC to create a collaborative volunteer management system to support the transportation needs of older adults and persons with disabilities in Chittenden County. Leah started out by describing how United Way has worked on various transportation-related initiatives across our region. The Neighbor Rides program is a UPWP-funded initiative that utilizes volunteer drivers and their personal vehicles to provide cost-effective and convenient rides to older adults and persons with disabilities in Chittenden County. For FY20, United Way is proposing to identify and prioritize gaps in the current Neighbor Rides system and develop creative solutions to address mobility needs.
- Following the partner organization presentations, Charlie and Marshall provided a brief overview of the FY20 summary spreadsheet of project requests. The CCRPC anticipates having around \$1.25 million available for new transportation-related project requests. Current requests total just over \$1.5 million.
- Any comments or questions regarding the FY20 applications should be submitted to Marshall by Friday, February 11th.
- During the second meeting on 2/21, the UPWP Committee will take a closer look at the applications to determine which projects should be funded. Committee Chair Mike O’Brien adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall Distel