



FY2020 UPWP Committee Meeting 3

March 22, 2019

Location: CCRPC, Winooski

Attendees:

Mike O'Brien, Committee Chair
Amy Bell, VTrans
Chris Jolly, FHWA
Rachel Kennedy, GMT
Dean Pierce, PAC
Michael Bissonnette, Board
Sharon Murray, Board
Barbara Elliot, TAC

Jessica Draper, PAC
Bryan Davis, CCRPC
Charlie Baker, CCRPC
Eleni Churchill, CCRPC
Regina Mahony, CCRPC
Bernie Ferenc, CCRPC
Forest Cohen, CCRPC
Marshall Distel, CCRPC

1. Committee Chair Mike O'Brien called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Introductions were made.
2. The minutes from the second UPWP Committee meeting were reviewed with one change to add Sharon Murray to the attendance list. **Barbara Elliot made the motion to approve the minutes with the change and Sharon Murray seconded. Dean Pierce abstained from the motion. All others in favor. Motion passed.**
3. Marshall Distel reminded the committee that the non-municipal partner reports were posted for review and asked if there were any comments. There were no comments made on any of the reports.
4. Eleni Churchill introduced the draft FY2020 UPWP to the committee and outlined the color coding. Rachel Kennedy briefly highlighted GMT's level funded request. Charlie described the technical assistance task and mentioned that if the UPWP Committee decided to add Richard Watts' project back in the UPWP, then the easiest thing to do may be to reduce the technical assistance task by \$10,000. Chris Jolly asked about the SPR funds being used for the Way to Go! task. Bernie Ferenc explained how SPR funds relate to this task. Bernie Ferenc and Amy Bell also mentioned that the SPR funds for the I-89 study have changed to NHP(?) funds. CCRPC staff will make this change within the UPWP.

Eleni and Marshall highlighted the correction made to the budget for the Burlington ROW Condition Inventory. The \$70,000 added to the UPWP will now be sufficient to complete both Wards 5 and 6 during FY20. Eleni outlined a minor change to the Transportation Management Services task with a sub-task for each municipality and described how \$5,000 was being added to the Public Participation task to assist with outreach for underserved populations. Charlie described the overall funding for FY2020, with the total transportation budget of \$3,353,492.

The UPWP Committee then moved on to discuss Richard Watts' proposed project. Michael Bissonnette started the conversation by describing why he thought the project should be added back into the UPWP. He explained that the current timeline is very important to the success of

the project and that the project itself would help to evaluate opportunities to increase bus ridership, reduce roadway congestion and identify how transit savings may benefit individual commuters. He also mentioned the importance of balancing a large roadways study such as the one for I-89 with a study that specifically evaluates transit. Dean Pierce also spoke in favor of adding the project back into the UPWP and mentioned how he would have been opposed to its removal at the second UPWP Committee meeting. Marshall Distel shared written comments from John Zicconi and Jeff Bartley in opposition to adding the project back in the UPWP. Mike O'Brien said that he was still struggling to understand the exact goal of the effort and has been on the fence about the project, but may feel persuaded to add it back in the UPWP Committee because of the support from GMT and several of the UPWP Committee members. Dean Pierce felt that the proposal was at least as good as the rest of the proposals and was concerned about the level of scrutiny being given towards this particular project. Eleni Churchill explained the contracting issues with UVM. Forest expressed confidence that CCRPC staff would be able to overcome the administrative hurdle. Mike O'Brien asked why a well-funded organization like UVM wasn't funding this effort. Dean Pierce mentioned that a similar observation could be made about numerous other requests. Amy Bell asked that if we add this back in the UPWP, we should convey the message that future applications need to answer more questions on their own without staff and the committee having to spend extra effort to track down answers. With all the new information, it makes more sense to add this to the UPWP. **Dean Pierce made motion to add Richard Watts' project to the FY2020 UPWP, with the second from Mike Bissonnette. Amy Bell and Chris Jolly abstained from the motion. All others in favor. Motion passed.**

Dean Pierce made a motion to approve the FY2020 UPWP as amended, with a second from Mike Bissonnette. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Dean Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Michael Bissonnette. All in favor. Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall Distel