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2 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
3 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday, January 8, 2019
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal St. Winooski, VT
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9 **Members Present**

10 Bruce Hoar, Williston
11 Brian Bigelow, Underhill
12 Jon Rauscher, Winooski
13 Amy Bell, VTrans
14 Nicole Losch, Burlington
15 Allegra Williams, Local Motion
16 Joss Besse, Bolton
17 Ashley Bishop, VTrans
18 Chris Jolly, FHWA
19 David Allerton, Milton
20 Dennis Lutz, Essex
21 Barbara Elliot, Huntington
22 Sandy Thibault, CATMA
23 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
24 Larry Lackey, Burlington Airport
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Staff Present

Eleni Churchill, Transportation Project Manager
Sai Sarepalli, Transportation Planning Engineer
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Chris Dubin, Transportation Planner
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer

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34 Eleni Churchill called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. She first called for a round of introductions, then
35 asked for any changes to the agenda, which there were none.
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37 **1. Consent Agenda**

38 DENNIS LUTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY NICOLE LOSCH, TO APPROVE THE TWO
39 TIP AMENDMENT ITEMS DESCRIBED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA MEMO. THE MOTION
40 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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42 **2. Approval of Minutes**

43 AMY BELL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DENNIS LUTZ, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
44 OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 TAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.
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46 **3. Public Comments**

47 None.
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49 **4. I-89 Corridor Project**

50 This multiyear planning effort will comprehensively look at the entire Interstate corridor in Chittenden
51 County. This project is one of the 2050 MTP investments but there is a need to take a closer look at
52 Interstate improvements. Eleni Churchill gave a brief presentation on the study goals and consultant
53 procurement process. Day-to-day project management will be overseen by CCRPC and the project will
54 include a technical committee, an advisory committee, focus groups and other public involvement efforts.

1 Procurement followed a two-step process with a letter of intent followed by invitations for full proposals,
2 with VHB selected by the review committee as the preferred consultant. CCRPC staff requests that the
3 TAC approve the consultant team recommended by the selection committee (VTrans, TAC, and CCRPC).
4 Discussion: Does the Exit 12 Scoping Study fit into this study? The project team will assume that the Exit
5 12 project will be complete and is included as part of this study, as will other Interstate exit scoping
6 studies like Exit 16. What did the RFP say about the analytical framework for land use impacts, and how
7 will those get weighted in selecting a preferred alternative? It's too early to fully answer this question.
8 The CCRPC used to have a land use framework model but will work with the consultant team to develop
9 a new land use model as one method of evaluation, but various other methodologies will be presented to
10 the TAC when appropriate. Who else is on the VHB's consultant team? They are partnering with RSG
11 and UVM Transportation Research Center, as well as Third Sector Associates and Dr. Austin Troy.
12 Will the project and traffic model evaluate whether interstate congestion would be reduced if the Circ
13 Highway, or elements of it, were built? This could be one of the alternatives examined if it addresses the
14 project purpose. Some of the early 2050 MTP evaluations looked at a few alternatives locally but not yet
15 at the regional scale. This project will also look at potential impacts to arterials as well as other I-89
16 interchanges to get traffic off the interstate. DENNIS LUTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY
17 DEAN PIERCE, TO APPROVE VHB AS THE CONSULTANT FOR THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY I-
18 89 2050 STUDY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

19 20 **5. Legislative Priorities this Session**

21 Charlie Baker noted that about 60-70 people attended the CCRPC Legislative Breakfast in December.
22 They were provided background information on the ECOS Plan, impact of Chittenden County on state tax
23 contributions, grand list growth, update on Chittenden County Public Safety Authority, CCRPC resources
24 and some current projects. He then reviewed the legislative priorities for this coming session which
25 include: bolstering the state's workforce, mental health and substance abuse issues, smart growth
26 (focusing growth where we want it), housing stock and affordability, MTP projects, water quality, Act
27 250 and permit system changes, and increased funding for regional and municipal funding.

28 29 **6. 2019 UPWP Budget Adjustment**

30 Halfway through each fiscal year the CCRPC adjusts the work program budget and task schedule. Eleni
31 highlighted mid-year changes to the current UPWP, which will be voted on by the CCRPC Board on
32 January 16. The adopted version will be posted at: [https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/commission/annual-
33 work-plan-budget-finances/](https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/commission/annual-work-plan-budget-finances/).

34 35 **7. 2020 Draft UPWP**

36 Bryan Davis provided a brief update on the FY20 UPWP development schedule. Project requests are due
37 January 18, and UPWP Committee meetings are scheduled for January, February and March. A draft
38 FY20 UPWP will be available in April with Board action anticipated in May.

39 40 **8. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

41 Eleni referred members to the project list on the reverse side of the meeting agenda. There was a brief
42 discussion of NHS updates, which were approved by FHWA. The ECOS Map Viewer will include the
43 updated NHS layer: [http://map.ccrpcvt.org/ChittendenCountyVT/
44](http://map.ccrpcvt.org/ChittendenCountyVT/)

45 46 **9. CCRPC November Board Meeting Report**

47 Eleni noted that there was no Board meeting in December. The Board met on 11/28 and heard a
48 presentation on Greenride Bikeshare and the upcoming I-89 Corridor Study. The meeting began with a
49 45-minute presentation on Board responsibilities as an MPO.

50 51 **10. Chairman's/Members' Items**

52 Sandy Thibault informed members that CATMA is preparing a Strategic Business Plan and is seeking
53 input from stakeholders, include municipalities. CATMA staff will send out a survey link in the coming
54 weeks and asks for member input.

1 AMY BELL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DEAN PIERCE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
2 THE MOTION CARRIED.

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4 The meeting adjourned at 10:00AM.

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6 Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis