

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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4 DATE: Tuesday June 4, 2019
5 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal St. Winooski, VT
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8 **Members Present**

9 Lisa Schaeffler, Williston
10 Brian Bigelow, Underhill
11 Jon Rauscher, Winooski
12 Nicole Losch, Burlington
13 Richard Watts, Hinesburg
14 Joss Besse, Bolton
15 Matt Langham, VTrans
16 Dennis Lutz, Essex
17 Amy Bell, VTrans
18 Bob Henneberger, Seniors
19 Justin RabidouX, South Burlington
20 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
21 Sandy Thibault, CATMA
22 Bryan Osborne, Colchester, TAC Chair
23 Josh Arneson, Richmond
24 Charles Hunter, Rail
25 Larry Lackey, Burlington Airport
26 Rachel Kennedy, GMT
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Staff

Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Dubin, Transportation Planner
Peter Keating, Senior Transportation Planner
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner
Sai Sarepalli, Transportation Planning Engineer

Others

Joe Segale, VTrans
Harrison Luca, CCRPC Intern
Rachel Galus, CCRPC Intern
Kate Longfield, CCRPC Intern
Kathryn Koberna, CCRPC Intern

28 Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00AM, calling for a round of introductions.
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30 **1. Consent Agenda**

31 JUSTIN RABIDOUX MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DENNIS LUTZ, TO APPROVE THE
32 CONSENT OF TIP AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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34 **2. Approval of Minutes**

35 BOB HENNEBERGER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY USTIN RABIDOUX, TO APROVE THE
36 MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2019. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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38 **3. Public Comments**

39 None.
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41 **4. Automated Vehicle (AV) Testing in VT**

42 Joe Segale of VTrans reported on recently passed state legislation to allow the testing of AVs in the state.
43 The points he covered included:

- 44 • Automated Vehicles Overview
- 45 • Potential Benefits and Consequences
- 46 • Federal and State Roles
- 47 • VT Stakeholder Feedback
- 48 • S.149 - VT AV Testing Legislation

49 The overview addressed the various elements that comprise an AV, as well as the five stages of
50 automation – from the driver having total control to the system having that control. He also offered
51 projections on when, and at what rate, AVs will come online, and a disruptive change scenario where
52 95% of vehicle miles are in shared and electric vehicles by 2030. To illustrate how quickly AVs are
53 advancing, Joe shared graphics of private sector investment and the many corporations joining in the
54 effort. He also noted the different impacts that could affect the future system if a private/individual

1 ownership scenario happens vs. a shared vehicle model. Congestion and parking impacts could be very
2 different. Joe also described the federal vs. state and municipal roles in our transportation system and how
3 AV related legislation is being considered in more and more states. The last several slides of his
4 presentation went over the details in the VT legislation that just passed. Key elements of this bill include:

- 5 • Specific state, RPC and municipal roles
- 6 • AV tester requirements
- 7 • Elements in the testing application

8 Joe is also developing program guidance that will be complete by 2021. The discussion that followed
9 included more on municipal roles and responsibilities, the liability issues that will arise and the types of
10 vehicles that might be tested – cars, trucks or transit.

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12 **5. FY29-23 Draft Transportation Improvement Program**

13 Christine Forde began by putting the TIP into larger context flowing from the Metropolitan
14 Transportation Plan, through corridor or scoping studies before ending up on the TIP list. She went on,
15 explaining how from the TIP (where funding is identified and obligated) a project leads to design and
16 construction. She then defined the TIP, described how projects get on it, and noted that projects also need
17 to be on the State’s Transportation Capital Program. She noted that the TIP is a planning and not a budget
18 document. It represents the intent to construct or implement a specific project and the anticipated flow of
19 federal funds. Using a sample page from the draft TIP Christine described how the document should be
20 read and identified the content of its various sections. She then presented the anticipated level of funding
21 expected over the coming 4 years:

- 22 • FY2020 -- \$76.4 million
 - 23 • FY2021 -- \$60.2 million
 - 24 • FY2022 -- \$59.3 million
 - 25 • FY2023 -- \$45.3 million
- 26 FY20-23 Total - \$244 million

27 Christine explained the ups and downs of year-to-year funding by looking at funding history back to 2010
28 in a bar chart. She then broke down the TIP content in finer detail describing transportation project
29 categories and the amounts of funding in each. There is a bit of gray are when it comes to assigning
30 projects to some of these categories as illustrated by the I-89 Exit 16 improvements in the Roadway
31 Corridor Improvements category, a project that could’ve gone into New Facilities. She next reported on
32 CIRC alternatives project status and then anticipated construction projects scheduled over the next two
33 years. The following discussion included:

- 34 • Dennis Lutz repeated a request that he has brought up in the past. That is the need to more
35 specifically identify how projects get on the TIP once scoping has been completed. (Christine
36 reported that we will return this Fall to the TAC with a plan on this process.)
- 37 • Justin Rabidou said that South Burlington cannot support an Airport project that includes the
38 demolition of any more homes and that he would be voting against TIP approval. He also noted
39 that it wasn’t his intent to hold up the entire TIP but that the City insists that home demolitions
40 should cease. Christine noted that the words “land acquisition” should be removed from the
41 project description. Matt Langham noted that the aviation projects are on the TIP only for
42 information and could be removed as the TIP has no authority over Federal Aviation
43 Administration (FAA) funding.

44 Following further discussion, DENNIS LUTZ MADE A MOTION THE TAC ASK THE BOARD TO
45 WARN A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THEIR JULY MEETING FOR THE FY2020 – 2023 TIP; AND
46 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE TIP. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEAN PIERCE
47 AND PASSED WITH JUSTIN RABIDOUX VOTING NO.

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49 **6. Committee Chairmanship**

50 Eleni reported that Bryan Osborne is interested in continuing as TAC Chair but that it would be helpful if
51 another member would agree to be Vice-Chair in his absence. Justin Rabidou agreed to accept the Vice-
52 Chair role.

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7. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports (Information Item)

Justin asked about the status of the Crescent Connector project in Essex Junction. Robin Pierce replied that one property owner is opposing it and has not yet agreed to any easement on his property.

8. CCRPC May Board Meetings Report

Peter noted that the Board met on 5/15, holding a public hearing and approving the FY20 UPWP.

9. Chairman's/Members' Items

Chris Dubin showed the list of Grant in Aid awards which are the same as last year. Amy Bell reported on VTrans staff move to Barre. The move is reportedly going to save the Agency \$300,000/year. Dennis reported that the Susie Wilson corridor will become a signalization guinea pig for VTrans new traffic signal cabinet technology.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Keating

