DATE: Tuesday June 4, 2019
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal St. Winooski, VT

Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00AM, calling for a round of introductions.

1. Consent Agenda
JUSTIN RABIDOUX MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DENNIS LUTZ, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT OF TIP AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Approval of Minutes
BOB HENNEBERGER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY USTIN RABIDOUX, TO APROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2019. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Public Comments
None.

4. Automated Vehicle (AV) Testing in VT
Joe Segale of VTrans reported on recently passed state legislation to allow the testing of AVs in the state. The points he covered included:
- Automated Vehicles Overview
- Potential Benefits and Consequences
- Federal and State Roles
- VT Stakeholder Feedback
- S.149 - VT AV Testing Legislation

The overview addressed the various elements that comprise an AV, as well as the five stages of automation – from the driver having total control to the system having that control. He also offered projections on when, and at what rate, AVs will come online, and a disruptive change scenario where 95% of vehicle miles are in shared and electric vehicles by 2030. To illustrate how quickly AVs are advancing, Joe shared graphics of private sector investment and the many corporations joining in the effort. He also noted the different impacts that could affect the future system if a private/individual...
ownership scenario happens vs. a shared vehicle model. Congestion and parking impacts could be very different. Joe also described the federal vs. state and municipal roles in our transportation system and how AV related legislation is being considered in more and more states. The last several slides of his presentation went over the details in the VT legislation that just passed. Key elements of this bill include:

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

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

5. FY29-23 Draft Transportation Improvement Program

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

- FY2020 -- $76.4 million
- FY2021 -- $60.2 million
- FY2022 -- $59.3 million
- FY2023 -- $45.3 million

FY20-23 Total - $244 million

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

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

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

6. Committee Chairmanship

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