

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
3 MINUTES  
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5 DATE: Tuesday, October 1, 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 Justin Rabidoux, TAC Chair  
11 Nicole Losch, Burlington  
12 Matt Langham, VTrans  
13 Amy Bell, VTrans  
14 Ashley Toof, Milton  
15 Bob Henneberger, Seniors  
16 Dean Pierce, Shelburne  
17 Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg  
18 Jon Rauscher, Winooski  
19 Brian Bigelow, Underhill  
20 Bruce Hoar, Williston  
21 Dennis Lutz, Essex  
22 Sandy Thibault, CATMA  
23 Seth Bowden, GBIC  
24 Barbara Elliott, Huntington  
25 Allegra Williams, Local Motion  
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**Staff**

Charlie Baker, Executive Director  
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner  
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner  
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner  
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager  
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer  
Chris Dubin, Transportation Planner  
Sai Sarepalli, Transportation Planning Engineer

**Others**

Maureen Carr, VTrans  
Dan Dutcher, VTrans

28 Justin Rabidoux called the meeting to order at 9:00AM, calling for a round of introductions.  
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30 **1. Consent Agenda:** ANDREA MORGANTE MADE A MOTION APPROVING THE CONSENT  
31 AGENDA DOCUMENTING TWO TIP AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY  
32 DENNIS LUTZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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34 **2. Approval of Minutes**

35 ANDREA MORGANTE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BOB HENNEBERGER, TO APPROVE  
36 THE MINUTES OF Sept 3, 2019. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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38 **3. Public Comments:** None.  
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40 **4. VTrans TCI**

41 Dan Dutcher, VTrans Environmental Policy Manager, introduced the Transportation and Climate  
42 Initiative (TCI), with the leadership team of Peter Walke (ANR), Michele Boomhower (VTrans), and  
43 Riley Allen (DPS), and with support staff from across state departments. To set the stage for TCI, Dan  
44 showed slides with emission percentages by sectors with transportation contributing more GHG in VT  
45 than the US, and subsequent slides showing the scale of change needed to reach all sector GHG goals.  
46 TCI is transportation focused. There are a number of programs and initiatives already in progress  
47 including VW settlement funds, EV charging infrastructure, Tier III funds, Public Utility Commission EV  
48 proceedings, complete streets/rail/transit/walk-bike and more.  
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50 TCI was formed in 2010 and is facilitated by Georgetown Climate Center. The purpose of the initiative is  
51 to work with stakeholders to develop a cap-and-invest framework for transportation fuels. What is cap-  
52 and-invest? Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a similar model. The framework sets annual  
53 declining caps on emissions, auctions allowances (permits) equal to the cap, and invests proceeds in  
54 emissions-reduction actions to lower the cost of compliance. The cap would be handled on a regional

1 basis and the allowances would be auctioned on a regional basis, but the revenues would be handled by  
2 each state and each state would determine how the revenues would be invested. It has not yet been  
3 determined how the revenue would be apportioned to each state – one consideration is to base it on  
4 existing emissions. Potential investments of revenue would be subject to legislative approval. Point of  
5 regulation is potentially with state fuel suppliers (those that cross VT state line with intent to sell).  
6 Timeline: end of 2019 MOU, end of 2020 VT General Assembly enacts enabling legislation, 2021/2022  
7 program established, revenue allocated to states.  
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9 Question about the auction process, who participates, can others join auction. Comment about rural  
10 transportation and school transportation, using school buses as part of rural transit option. Dan notes that  
11 modeling will include school and rural transit. Look to children to pressure adults to change rather than  
12 convincing adults to change. Dennis commented about how the actual cap could have a negative impact  
13 on the economy. The initial cap will be based on modeling and fuel availability from recent years.  
14 Adjustments could be made to reflect needs, economic impacts, etc. Investments made could help bring  
15 other vehicle types into more efficient technology. Is there a potential for higher e-bike incentives?  
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##### 17 **5. VTrans On-Line Data Management System**

18 Maureen Carr of VTrans Traffic Research Unit gave an overview and demonstration of their traffic data  
19 management system. This is a Web-based system shared by VTrans and CCRPC. The data is accessed  
20 through [Vtrans.vermont.gov](http://Vtrans.vermont.gov), then search for “traffic data,” click the first result that comes up. The  
21 resulting page has AADT reports, link to traffic data, and other resources. Maureen then showed the data  
22 portal and described how to navigate map and data displayed. She then logged into the site which displays  
23 more information. Raw data is exportable through the “report center” feature. Some of the counts are able  
24 to track the type of vehicle (motorcycle, vehicle, truck, tractor-trailer, etc.). Counts occur on state and  
25 federal aid routes, CCRPC counts, local road count program.  
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27 Crash data is available in a different place on VTrans website.  
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29 CCRPC conducts manual counts at intersections during peak hours (7-9 am, 4-6 pm) and captures cars,  
30 trucks/buses, and bicyclists. VTrans is moving away from manual counts and using more 48-hour video  
31 counts to help satisfy FHWA requirements. CCRPC also uses video counts to capture data outside of peak  
32 hour manual counts.  
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34 **6. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports (Information Item):** Justin noted that the project list  
35 on the back of the agenda identifies new projects begun in FY20 and some older ones dropped off.  
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##### 37 **7. CCRPC September Board Meetings Report**

38 Christine noted the airport presentation, GMT presentation and energy plan items as part of the Board  
39 meeting.  
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41 **8. Chairman’s/Members’ Items:** Justin described South Burlington’s project to create a bike path and  
42 sidewalk on south side of Williston Road. Meetings with land owners including discussion about potential  
43 conflicts with commercial drives. Justin is asking for guidance on design from TAC members and  
44 CCRPC. Reducing number of curb cuts and consolidating drives is of interest along corridor. Dennis  
45 suggests also looking at what’s on either end of corridor for walkers/bikers, such as Dorset St and  
46 Hinesburg Rd.  
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48 AMY BELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY JON RAUSHER, APPROVED  
49 UNANIMOUSLY.  
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51 The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.  
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53 Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis