Agenda & Program

7:30  Registration, breakfast, and networking
8:00  Welcome – Mike O’Brien, CCRPC Chair
8:05  Introductions
8:10  Key Issues Presentation and Discussion
     – Charlie Baker, CCRPC Executive Director
8:30  Follow-up discussion
9:00  Adjourn, continue networking
Implementing Our ECOS Plan

• Circle of Prosperity

• Continued investment in Chittenden County/Northwest VT is critical to further the financial health of Vermont’s economy and government expenditures to support the social safety net, environmental protection, and public services.

• WHEN CHITTENDEN COUNTY PROSPERS, VERMONT PROSPERS
2018 Smart Growth Result

- Chittenden County has exceeded its ECOS Plan goal of 80% of development occurring within planned growth areas – 7th year.
- Of 620 residential net units built in Chittenden County, 83% (513) were in areas planned for growth.

- Improvements to Act 250
- Invest/Encourage more housing
- Invest in village water/wastewater
Invest in Chittenden County - Housing

• This is a critical issue for Chittenden Co. and Vermont
• More than 25% of homeowners and 50% of renters are cost burdened.
• Missing middle of housing market between affordable and high end of the market
• Causing impacts on employee recruitment.

➢ Provide permitting/zoning incentives for housing in smart growth locations.

➢ Invest in housing development, especially affordable.
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- Improve incentives or remove barriers for smart growth development
  - Including village wastewater and water

- Improve communication and coordination between state and municipal permits

- End any duplication of review between Act 250, State agencies, and municipalities – single review for each issue
Thank you for S.96 and making long-term funding commitment to clean water!

Keep the focus on making investments that have the “biggest bang for the buck.”

- **Clean Water Service Providers should help change the relationship with DEC and other partners to one more of partnership. Progress Made! Monitor rule making.**

- **Investment in clean water projects will continue to be a need.**

Note: Please keep in mind that any municipal costs that are not covered by the State will still be borne by taxpayers at the municipal level. 80% cost share is needed.
Invest in Chittenden County - Transportation Investments

- 33% of workers in Chittenden County live outside County compared to 25% in 2002. Causes multiple issues: energy, traffic, housing, etc.
- Investment in Chittenden County has been averaging about 15%
- **Invest in all Capital Program & Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects**
  - **Circ Alternative Projects need to keep moving**
  - **Finish legacy projects (Champlain Parkway, Exit 16, Williston Park & Ride, Amtrak, etc.)**
  - **Continue to invest in walking, biking, transit, electric vehicles, water quality, and intelligent transportation system projects**
I-89 2050 Study

Congestion Levels (v/c ratio)
- Light Congestion (0.70 - 0.79)
- Moderate Congestion (0.80 - 0.89)
- Severe Congestion (0.90 - 1.00)
- Over Capacity (> 1.00)
Invest in Chittenden County - Transportation Climate Initiative

- Invest in innovative transit solutions
- Invest in biking, walking, and other innovative transportation
- Invest in livable centers (downtowns, village centers, urban areas)
  - Creating areas that aren’t dependent on driving
- Invest in electric vehicles to convert from fossil fuel vehicles
Only 10 to 20% of your health is based on clinical care

- **Invest in social determinants of health** – smart growth & workforce development
- **Support stronger connections between population health initiatives and regional planning and development commissions**

2019 Municipal Legislative Breakfast
Invest in Chittenden County - Workforce

- Vermont and Chittenden County labor market is at virtual full employment. Both the state and the county are experiencing a plateau in labor force participation, and Chittenden County has seen a net decline in employment from last year.

- Workforce continues to be one of GBIC’s major areas of concentration. Access and exposure to Career Technical Education (CTE) and professionalization of technical & vocational training within education centers is a critical need for both youth and adults. We continue to work with the Governor, his administration officials, and legislators to find ways to enhance these opportunities.

- VSAC-VSC report Senior Survey of the Class of 2012 to 2016
  - 52% of Vermont High School Graduates either go on to NO higher education or are no longer enrolled within 3 semesters.

  ➢ Develop Career Pathways program and continue to implement the state workforce development programs in Act 189 report.
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

- Municipalities, Agency of Human Services, UVM-MC, Howard Center and other partners are working together on these issues
  - Street Outreach; Community Outreach | [http://howardcenter.org/mental-health/community-support/#outreach](http://howardcenter.org/mental-health/community-support/#outreach)
  - Chittenden County Opioid Alliance | [https://www.ecosproject.com/chittenden-county-opioid-alliance](https://www.ecosproject.com/chittenden-county-opioid-alliance)

- Continued and increased State investment in these innovative interventions is needed.
- Encourage hospital and RPC coordination on population health.
Invest in Chittenden County - Regional & Municipal Planning

• Regional Planning and Municipal Grant funding through ACCD has not increased in 6 years

• More demands to help:
  • Water quality, Energy, Resilience, Climate, Economy, Health, etc.

➢ Support an increase in Property Transfer Tax funds to the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund closer to the statutory formula of 17% of the PPT

  • RPCs were at 56% (~$2M less) of the formula in FY19
  • MPGs were at 31% (~$1M less) of the formula in FY19
**CCRPC Resources**

- **ECOS Scorecard** | 90+ indicators tied to our ECOS Plan goals relating to people, place, and prosperity | [https://app.resultsscorecard.com/Scorecard/Embed/8502](https://app.resultsscorecard.com/Scorecard/Embed/8502)

- **Our Communities** | A link to all of our municipalities; our current and past work with each; links to their websites; basic data | [https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-communities/](https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-communities/)

- **Current Transportation Projects** | Organized by topic | [https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/](https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/)

- **ECOS Map Viewer** | State, regional & municipal data layers | [http://map.ccrpcvt.org/ChittendenCountyVT](http://map.ccrpcvt.org/ChittendenCountyVT)

- **Data** | Links to various transportation, socioeconomic, and geo data | [https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/data](https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/data)

CCRPC Current Work

This is only a snapshot of current CCRPC work; for more information view our 2018 Annual Report at [www.ccrpcvt.org/annual-reports](http://www.ccrpcvt.org/annual-reports)

- **Water Quality** | Completed road erosion inventories for all municipalities. Working with towns to prioritize and develop conceptual designs. Stormwater master plans for rural municipalities.

- **Transportation Studies** | Corridor studies, scoping, safety, traffic signal timing analyses, and inventories.

- **Elderly & Disabled Transportation Program Evaluation** | Working with GMT and United Way and the providers

- **Municipal Energy Plans** | Analysis and plan development assistance to municipalities, following CCRPC’s Determination of Energy Compliance.

- **Housing** | Building Homes Together campaign and regional housing convenings.

- **Land Use** | Municipal plan, bylaw, and capital program assistance

- **Community Justice** | Hosted summit in Oct. 2019. Developing more efficient system for Chittenden County with DOC and municipalities.
Thank you!
We are a resource to you!
Questions/Discussion?

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