

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2020
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: Conference Call
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9 **Members On Call**

10 Nicole Losch, Burlington
11 Dennis Lutz, Essex
12 Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg
13 Barbara Elliott, Huntington
14 Josh Arneson, Richmond
15 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
16 Justin Rabidoux, South Burlington
17 Bruce Hoar, Williston
18 Seth Bowden, Business
19 Karen Yacos, Local Motion
20 Mary Anne Michaels, Rail
21 Bob Henneberger, Seniors
22 Matthew Langham, VTrans
23 Amy Bell, VTrans
24 Ashly Bishop, VTrans District 5
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Staff

Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner

27 Christine Forde called the meeting to order at 9:04AM.

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29 **1. Consent Agenda:** DENNIS LUTZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA,
30 SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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32 **2. Approval of Minutes**

33 Christine asked for any changes, which there were none. JUSTIN RABIDOUX MADE A MOTION TO
34 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2020, SECONDED BY DENNIS LUTZ. THE MOTION
35 PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS FROM BARBARA ELLIOTT, DEAN PIERCE AND SETH
36 BOWDEN.
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38 **3. Public Comments**

39 None.
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41 **4. Safety Performance Targets for the Metropolitan Planning Area:**

42 Eleni Churchill, CCRPC staff, provided an overview of this item. This is the second time the CCRPC has
43 been asked by VTrans to take action on established safety targets. The first time was for 2018 targets and
44 this time for calendar year 2020 targets. The Federal Government has developed performance measures
45 under a number of categories – safety was the first category that measures, and targets were developed for
46 in 2017. In general, state departments of transportation (DOTs) had to develop targets for all relevant
47 measures under each category (safety, asset management, performance, etc.) and metropolitan planning
48 organizations (MPOs) had 180 days to either accept the state targets or develop their own. In 2018 the
49 CCRPC Board voted to accept the VTrans statewide safety targets.

50 Eleni reviewed statewide and Chittenden County safety data.

51 Dennis Lutz commented that the data shows that fatalities have not been reduced over the past few years
52 and questioned if there has been adequate statewide effort to reduce fatalities. Eleni noted that given the

1 very small number of fatalities we have in the state and the randomness of locations it is difficult to
2 develop location specific improvements.

3 DEAN PIERCE MADE A MOTION FOR THE BOARD TO ACCEPT VTRANS STATEWIDE
4 TARGETS, SECONDED BY JUSTIN RABIDOUX. THE MOTION PASSED
5 UNANIMOUSLY.

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7 **5. US7 Signal Upgrades, Shelburne-South Burlington Major TIP Amendment**

8 Christine Forde, CCRPC staff, provided an overview of a proposed major amendment to the FY20-23
9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for traffic signal upgrades on US7 between Webster Road
10 and Swift Street. She noted that this project is in the FY20-23 TIP but the project had not completed
11 scoping and no funds were programmed. The project will be funded partially with a federal Accelerated
12 Innovation Deployment (AID) grant fund and partially with federal formula funds available within
13 CCRPC’s fiscal constraint limit.

14 Eleni noted that the infrastructure in the southern portion of the project area (Webster Road to IDX Drive)
15 will not be replaced but will be upgraded. The signals north of IDX drive are very old and will be
16 completely replaced.

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18 Dean Pierce noted that there should be consideration of traffic conditions in Shelburne Village and the
19 signal at US7/Harbor Road. Eleni noted that CCRPC would look at that location and could potentially do
20 a technical assistance project.

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22 JUSTIN RABIDOUX MADE A MOTION FOR THE BOARD TO WARN A PUBLIC HEARING ON
23 THE PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOTT. THE MOTION
24 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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26 **6. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports (Information Item):**

27 Eleni noted that the project list on the back of the agenda identifies current projects, and TAC members
28 can follow up with staff about these or other projects.

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30 **7. CCRPC Board Meeting Report**

31 Christine provided a brief update of the January Board meeting. The Board held a public hearing and
32 voted to approve major TIP amendments for the Williston Park & Ride and Champlain Parkway projects,
33 they voted to approve the FY20 UPWP Mid-year Adjusted Program and Budget, they voted to approve
34 the Town of Jericho’s Determination of Energy Compliance, and they voted to approve CCRPC
35 comments on the Clean Water Service Provider RFP.

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37 **8. Chairman’s/Members’ Items:**

38 Barbara Elliott noted that a lot of VMT was saved by having a phone meeting and would like to see this
39 happen more frequently in the future. Andrea agreed.

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41 BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY DENNIS LUTZ,
42 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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44 The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

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46 Respectfully submitted, Christine Forde