



Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020
9:00 to 10:20 am**

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Agenda

1. **Call to Order, Attendance (1 min)**

2. **Consent agenda* (Action Item – 1 min)**

3. **Minutes of June 2, 2020* (Action Item – 1 min)**

4. **Public Comment Period (Information item)**

Members of the public are invited to raise issues of interest or concern to the TAC on items not on the agenda.

5. **Update of Statewide Rail and Freight Plans* (60 min)**

VTrans staff and consultant will provide an update on the Statewide Rail and Freight Plans. TAC members are invited to comment on data trends and provide initial ideas for how to improve multimodal freight movement and intercity passenger rail in Vermont.

6. **CCRPC Public Participation Plan and Title VI Update (Information Item – 10 min)**

CCRPC staff will provide an update on efforts to address racial equity and inclusion in the Public Participation Plan, FTA Title VI Program report, annual report to VTrans/FHWA, and other initiatives.

7. **Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports (Information Item – 1 min)**

See bulleted list on the reverse for current CCRPC projects. TAC members are encouraged to ask staff for more information on the status of any of these on-going or recently completed projects.

8. CCRPC Board Meetings Report (Information Item – 2 min)

In June the Board held a public hearing for the FY21 UPWP and budget and then voted to approve the FY21 UPWP and budget, voted to approve the Clean Water Service Provider Draft Proposal, heard an update from the Board Development Committee, and discussed a draft comment letter for the Draft Basin 5 – Direct to Lake Tactical Basin Plan.

In July the Board held a public hearing for and approved the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), heard a presentation on the Draft Northern Lake Champlain Direct Drainages Tactical Basin Plan and approved the Tactical Basin 7 Plan Conformance Letter, reviewed Board Committee member appointments, discussed Potential Policy Participation Topics, and discussed the CCRPC's role in racial justice and equity.

There was no Board meeting in August.

9. Chairman's/Members' Items (Information Item – 5 min)

Please provide suggestions on future TAC agenda topics.

* = Attachment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2020

CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee

September 1, 2020

Agenda Item 2: Consent Item

FY2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Issues

Make the following changes to the FY21-24 TIP.

King Street Rail Crossing Safety Improvement, Burlington (Project BP150, Amendment FY21-01)

- Advance \$454,500 in construction funds for rail crossing safety improvements at King Street from FY22 to FY21.
- Project includes improvements to the surface and drainage, addition of an active warning system (lights, gates), and preemption with the traffic signals.

Maple Street Rail Crossing Safety Improvements, Burlington (Project HP154, Amendment FY21-02)

- Add a new safety project to the FY21-24 TIP for rail crossing safety improvements at Maple Street in Burlington. Add \$258,750 for construction in FY21 and \$776,250 for construction in FY22. Project is funded with Section 130 Rail Grade Crossing funds which are not subject to CCRPC's fiscal constraint limit.
- Project includes improvements to the surface and drainage, addition of an active warning system (lights, gates), and preemption with the traffic signals.

Staff

Recommendation:

Recommend that the TAC approve the proposed TIP amendments.

For more information, contact:

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1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday, June 2, 2020
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: Meeting held remotely via Zoom
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9 **Members Present**

10 Justin Rabidoux, South Burlington
11 Nicole Losch, Burlington
12 Matthew Langham, VTrans
13 Amy Bell, VTrans
14 Ashley Bishop, VTrans District 5
15 Chris Jolly, FHWA
16 Barbara Elliot, Huntington
17 Josh Arneson, Richmond
18 Jon Rauscher, Winooski
19 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
20 Jonathon Weber, Local Motion
21 Bob Henneberger, Seniors
22 Mary Anne Michaels, Rail
23 Seth Bowden, GBIC
24 Chris Damiani, GMT
25 Amanda Clayton, Colchester
26 Bruce Hoar, Williston
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Staff

Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner
Chris Dubin, Transportation Planner
Josh Katz, intern
Anne Morrison, intern
Abby Munterich, intern
Sam LaRosa, intern

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29 1. Justin Rabidoux called the meeting to order at 9:05AM and Bryan Davis did a roll call for attendance.
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31 2. **Consent Agenda:** no consent agenda.
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33 3. **Approval of Minutes**

34 Justin asked for any changes, which there were none. DEAN PIERCE MADE A MOTION TO
35 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2020, SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOT. THE MOTION
36 PASSED WITH AMANDA CLAYTON ABSTAINING.
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38 4. **Public Comments**

39 None.
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41 5. **I-89 Study Update**

42 Eleni Churchill, CCRPC, gave an overview of the regional I-89 2050 study, including the vision and
43 goals and initial public outreach, and described the first round of high-level evaluation of eight potential
44 new and improved interchanges in Chittenden County. Based on the results of this first round of
45 evaluation, the project's Technical Committee is recommending to the Advisory Committee that Exit 12B
46 and Exit 13, as well as improvements at Exit 14, move to the second round of evaluation. The second
47 round will include more detailed evaluation of the three interchanges using additional transportation and
48 land use metrics (including secondary land use growth metrics). The project's Advisory Committee will
49 decide at their meeting on June 30th which interchanges (if any) will move forward for further evaluation.
50 The second round of the interchange evaluation is expected to be complete in the fall/winter of 2020 and
51 the entire project is expected to be complete in late 2021. Today's presentation will be posted on the
52 project website: <https://envision89.com/>
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6. FY2021-2024 draft TIP Presentation

Christine Forde, CCRPC, presented an overview of the CCRPC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and reviewed the draft FY2021-2024 TIP.

BARBARA ELLIOT MOVED THAT THE TAC RECOMMEND THAT THE CCRPC BOARD WARN A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THEIR JULY 15 MEETING FOR THE FY2021–2024 TIP, AND THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE TIP, SECONDED BY SETH BOWDEN. MATTHEW LANGHAM, VTRANS, NOTED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE DRAFT TIP:

- INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE WILLISTON PARK AND RIDE FROM \$3,975,000 TO \$4,512,785. NEW FUNDS TO BE ADDED IN FY22.
- ADD FY20 TRANSPORTATION AWARDS (*following the meeting it was determined that these projects are on the TIP but had incorrect project numbers.*)

BARBARA AND SETH AGREED TO THE CHANGES AS PART OF THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED WITH AMANDA CLAYTON ABSTAINING.

7. VTrans AV Policy Review

Eleni noted that as the agenda states, VTrans is seeking comments by June 30, 2020 on the draft of the Automated Vehicle (AV) Testing Permit Guidance and Application (<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/av-testing>). This outlines the process to approve the testing of automated vehicles, or self-driving cars, on public roads in Vermont in accordance with the Automated Vehicle Testing Act signed into law by Governor Scott on June 14, 2019 (23 VSA Chapter 41).

8. ADA Transition Plans

Bryan Davis, CCRPC, reminded TAC members that VTrans requested comments on their draft ADA Transition Plan update (<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/content/ada-transition-plan>) by May 31. This process identifies accessibility improvements completed since the last Transition Plan update, ensures compliance with current standards or guidelines, establishes a plan for addressing these issues, conducts a public involvement process to gather input, and establishes a clear process for receiving any accessibility complaints. Bryan informed the TAC that the CCRPC is available to assist member municipalities interested in developing their own ADA Transition Plan, including conducting a self-evaluation or an inventory of barriers and come up with a plan to address them. Contact Bryan if interested: bdavis@ccrpcvt.org

9. COVID-19 Impacts for this Construction Season

In May TAC members discussed foreseeable impacts to their municipal projects and staffing. Justin invited the TAC to share any new updates, which there were none.

10. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports (Information Item):

Justin noted that the project list on the back of the agenda identifies current projects, and TAC members can follow up with staff about these or other projects. Jason Charest, CCRPC, introduced the four summer interns for CCRPC: Josh Katz, Anne Morrison, Abby Munterich, and Sam LaRosa. Chris Dubin, CCRPC, asked TAC members to share any updates on out-of-state worker restrictions and accommodations.

11. CCRPC Board Meeting Report

Justin noted the agenda contained the following information: In May the Board held a public hearing for the FY21 UPWP and budget and then voted to approve the FY21 UPWP and budget, voted to approve the Clean Water Service Provider Draft Proposal, heard an update from the Board Development Committee, and discussed a draft comment letter for the Draft Basin 5 –Direct to Lake Tactical Basin Plan.

12. Chairman's/Members' Items:

Justin invited TAC members and others to share any updates and ideas for future meeting topics. Jonathon Weber, Local Motion, asked for an update on two Burlington projects: Winooski Avenue Corridor Study, and Colchester Avenue Bikeways, Parking, and Intersection Safety Project. Bryan Davis

1 said that RSG provided a final report for the Winooski Avenue Corridor Study, which will be posted on
2 the project webpage when approved by Burlington Public Works. This completes phase 2 of the project.
3 Two mini roundabouts that were planned to be installed on the corridor as pop-up demonstration projects
4 this summer, are postponed due to COVID-19. Phase 3 is a Parking Management Plan, which is also
5 postponed due to COVID-19. Nicole Losch, Burlington DPW, noted that the City had to pause a number
6 of projects to focus the City's response to COVID-19 and will be revisiting projects to determine which
7 can begin to move forward. Jason Charest, CCRPC, reported that the Colchester Avenue project has also
8 been delayed due to COVID-19 but is beginning to move forward slowly.

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10 Justin noted the next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 7.

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12 BARBARA ELLIOT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY NICOLE LOSCH,
13 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

14 The meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.

15 Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis
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