DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 2020
TIME: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting with link as published on the agenda

Members Present:
Joss Besse, Bolton
Garret Mott, Buels Gore
Eric Vorwald, Winooksi
Matt Boulanger, Williston
Larry Lewack, Bolton
Paul Conner, South Burlington
Darren Schibler, Essex
Owiso Makuku, Essex
Ravi Venkataraman, Richmond
Alex Weinragen, Hinesburg
Dean Pierce, Shelburne
Meagan Tuttle, Burlington
David White, Burlington
Sarah Hadd, Colchester (left at 3:30pm)

Staff:
Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner
Taylor Newton, Senior Planner
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Charlie Baker, Executive Director

Other:
Caroline Reynolds, Burlington Intern (left after CENSUS training)

1. Welcome and Introductions
Joss Besse called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. Approval of April 8, 2020 Minutes
David White made a motion, seconded by Ravi Venkataraman, to approve the April 8, 2020 minutes. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED. Garret Mott abstained.

3. Census Website Training
Melanie Needle shared tips and tricks on using the Census’ new website: data.census.gov, since American Factfinder was decommissioned as of March 2020. Melanie also stated that the Center for Rural Studies will host a training on Wednesday, June 24th at 2:30pm; and that Chrome is the preferred browser for data.census.gov

Melanie provided tutorials on the following:
Geographic Profile
Comparative Profiles – compares data over time and runs statistical significance tests for you;
Searching for tables – advanced search and browse through the filters. Recommend starting with Geography. A municipality is a County Subdivision: Vermont: Chittenden County: Charlotte. Filter first to your town (you’ll see this filter at the bottom) and then go to the topic you want.
Customizing/filtering tables - You can download, map the data and customize/filter the tables.
Exporting

4. I-89 Study
Eleni Churchill provided a presentation on the I-89 study. Eleni stated that Task 3: Corridor Vision and Goals has been completed, and an initial evaluation of the intersections has been completed. As a result of this initial evaluation, Exits 12B, 13 & 14 will move forward for further evaluation. However, that does not mean the Study will necessarily call for improvements at those exits. Further evaluation will be done before a set of actions$strategies can be recommended. And these actions could include improvements in a variety of areas: increased transit, technology improvements, etc. Discussion from the PAC included questions about what the Study say about the other exits that
are not moving forward for evaluation (Exit 10A and 17N – while there are local economic benefits, these won’t appear to address the future regional capacity challenges); data; how the first round of exit evaluations met the ECOS Plan (this was simply a determination of what percentage of land area within 1 mile buffer of the exit is within the planned for growth); and what the 12B hybrid looks like. Eleni showed the image of Exit 13 hybrid. Staff will email the powerpoint to the PAC.

5. **Funding Directory Review**

Taylor Newton provided the PAC with a funding directory spreadsheet that he put together as a resource. The intent is to ultimately get this on CCRPC’s website in a searchable way. This will be updated annually. Darren Schibler indicated that this is a helpful resource, and asked if it is on the website yet. The spreadsheet will automatically download from the link on the PAC page (https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/planning-advisory-committee/). However, that isn’t yet in the final form.

6. **S.237 Comments**

This item was added to the agenda. Regina Mahony apologized for sending this out at such short notice, and then revising the comments again at 11:30am. Regina stated that the draft comments regarding Section 2 of this bill that includes amendments to the zoning enabling statute are going beyond what VPA decided on Monday afternoon. Regina indicated that she is feeling personally obligated to set the bar higher for our zoning in order to right some of the inequities that zoning has perpetuated. Regina added that she knows there is some discomfort in the specificity of Section 2. Beyond the Section 2 comments the other statements are fairly similar to comments we’ve discussed regarding Act 250 in the past. Lastly, Regina stated that Staff is planning to bring the comments to the Board for their meeting next week, and would like to gauge the PAC’s comfort level with it.

The PAC had a lengthy discussion that included:

- Timing of the bill, and whether comments coming out of the Board will be soon enough for the Senate. It may be that CCRPC provides comments when this bill gets over to the House.
- Whether duplexes should be held to the same standard as single family homes in all regards. While there was a bit of debate on this because this isn’t necessarily happening now, ultimately there was general agreement that this should be the standard.
- Some members expressed challenges with water and wastewater areas in systems that don’t have a lot of capacity; or in areas where a transmission line is going through but doesn’t actually serve the geographic area the lines go through (some CWD lines). There was general agreement to highlight these issues in the comments, as reasons why a municipality could opt for the off-ramp as contemplated in the bill.
- There was quite a bit of discussion about how conditions in existing Act 250 permits should be handled in the newly exempt Designated Downtowns and Neighborhood Development Areas. There was general agreement on the comments as drafted on this point.

7. **Regional Act 250/Section 248 Projects on the Horizon.**

Regina asked the PAC to email Regina and Taylor any Act 250/Section 248 updates.

8. **Other Business**

a. Forest Integrity Plan Assistance* – The packet includes an opportunity for a small amount of CCRPC assistance with forest integrity planning. If any towns are interested, please tell Regina ASAP.

b. New member Land Use Essentials Training – CCRPC can host a virtual training on this since this is so easy to do now. Please let Regina know if you have some new members (PC or DRB) that might be interested.

c. EDA - Four Region CEDS - CCRPC is cooperating with regional partners to submit an application to EDA to develop a multi-region CEDS (Addison, Chittenden, Rutland and Central VT (Washington/part of Orange).

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony