

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MINUTES
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5 DATE: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: Meeting held remotely via Zoom
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9 **Members Present**

10 Bryan Osborne, Colchester
11 Nicole Losch, Burlington
12 Amy Bell, VTrans
13 Matthew Langham, VTrans
14 Jonathon Weber, Local Motion
15 Josh Arneson, Richmond
16 Bob Henneberger, Seniors
17 Chris Damiani, GMT
18 Kurt Johnson, Underhill
19 Barbara Elliott, Huntington
20 Robin Pierce, Essex Junction
21 Sandy Thibault, CATMA
22 Kirsten Jensen, Milton
23 Chris Jolly, FHWA
24 Seth Bowden, GBIC
25 Ashley Bishop, VTrans
26 Dennis Lutz, Essex
27 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
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Dave Allerton, Milton
Mary Anne Michaels, Rail
Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg
Katherine Sonnick, Jericho
Lisa Schaeffler, Williston

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
Chris Dubin, Senior Transportation Planner
Marshall Distel, Transportation Planner

Public

Wayne Nadeau

30 1. Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
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32 2. **Consent Agenda**

33 There is no consent agenda this month.
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35 3. **Approval of Minutes**

36 Bryan Osborne asked for any changes. Barbara Elliot noted two spelling edits, which CCRPC staff will
37 correct. BOB HENNEBERGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY
38 2, 2021, SECONDED BY SANDY THIBAULT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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40 4. **Public Comments**

41 None.
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43 5. **Proposed Updates to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Procedures**

44 Christine Forde, CCRPC staff, described minor changes proposed to update the TIP Amendment Policy
45 as outlined in the agenda packet memo. The Policy was last updated in 2011. BARBARA ELLIOT
46 MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAC APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TIP
47 AMENDMENT POLICY, SECONDED BY NICOLE LOSCH. THE MOTION PASSED
48 UNANIMOUSLY.
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50 6. **CCRPC Comments on Draft State Rail Plan**

51 VTrans recently released the draft Vermont Rail Plan for public input. CCRPC staff reviewed the Plan
52 and Marshall Distel and Eleni Churchill outlined the CCRPC's comments on priority policy areas and
53 requested clarifications in other areas of the Plan, as described in the agenda packet memo. Robin Pierce
54 asked if staff contacted Genesee & Wyoming Railroad for their input. Mary Anne Michaels asked why

1 the Burlington Railyard Enterprise Project (REP) should be elevated to the first priority and whether it
2 should be part of the Vermont Freight Plan instead. Eleni responded that the REP is in preliminary
3 engineering and is endorsed by VTrans, hence the recommendation to move to the first priority, and it is
4 included in both the Rail and Freight plans. Amy Bell notes the project is contingent on legislative
5 approval. NICOLE LOSCH MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAC RECOMMEND THAT THE
6 BOARD APPROVE THE COMMENTS AND TRANSMITS THEM TO VTRANS FOR
7 CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOT AND APPROVED
8 UNANIMOUSLY.

9 10 **7. I-89 2050 Study Update**

11 Eleni Churchill, CCRPC staff, gave a [presentation](#) to update the TAC on the I-89 2050 Study. The project
12 is in the second round of interchange evaluations and is seeking input on the proposed metrics and
13 scoring. Eleni noted that several focus groups are scheduled to hear input from people from
14 underrepresented populations. A final report is expected in winter 2022. Dennis noted that scoring
15 projects on a scale of 0-4 is a narrow range and has used 0-10 in his work which has more flexibility.
16 Jonathon Weber asked if there are options for solutions that aren't increasing capacity. Eleni said that yes,
17 non-capacity solutions would be considered first and that non-auto solutions are part of both the
18 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and bundle 1 of this project. Andrea asked if CCRPC or VTrans is
19 collecting telecommute data to identify other criteria or discover new trends related to working from
20 home and the potential to become permanent. Eleni said yes, we collect telecommute and traffic data.
21 Sandy Thibault said that CATMA has been doing surveys for many years and will conduct a
22 comprehensive survey this fall, as well as a microsurvey of CATMA member institutions and a survey of
23 Employee Transportation Coordinator Network members at some point. Eleni noted that VTrans is also
24 collecting data. Jason Charest pointed out that UVM TRC applied for funding in the FY22 UPWP for
25 survey work. Chris Dubin said that traffic counts will ramp up in 2021 and allow us to compare to pre-
26 COVID. Bryan Osborne said he encourages lengthy data collection and doesn't anticipate that
27 telecommuting will last long term. Andrea says this is an opportunity to focus on transportation demand
28 management and hopes that surveys can ask different questions so we can better understand changes
29 between now and the future, as well as demographics. It was asked if eastbound I-189 was removed,
30 could that serve as a shared use path. Eleni said it depends on which alternative is advanced. Sandy asked
31 about the status of the bike/ped crossing at Exit 14. Eleni noted that South Burlington continues to seek
32 funding to support the project. It could be a standalone project or part of this project as a way to address
33 safety. www.envision89.com

34 35 **8. Proposed TIP Amendment for Shelburne Street Roundabout**

36 Christine Forde, CCRPC staff, reviewed proposed changes to the FY21 year of the TIP as outlined in the
37 agenda packet memo. This amendment will change both the FY2021-2024 TIP and the FY2020-FY2023
38 TIP because the FY2021 TIP has not yet been approved by FHWA. Andrea asked why funding to address
39 the soil contamination wasn't included in the original project budget. Matthew Langham replied that the
40 level of contamination wasn't known or discovered through the scoping process. BARBARA ELLIOT
41 MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAC APPROVE THE PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT, SECONDED
42 BY ANDREA MORGANTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

43 44 **9. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

45 See the project list on the back of the agenda. TAC members are encouraged to contact CCRPC staff with
46 any questions.

47 48 **10. CCRPC Board Meeting Report**

49 In February the Board approved comments on the Draft Clean Water Service Provider Rule, heard an
50 update presentation of and discussed the I-89 2050 Study, appointed a Board representative to the All
51 Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Committee, and heard an update on the hiring of a racial equity
52 consultant.

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1 **11. Chairman's/Members' Items:**

- 2 • VT Department of Environmental Conservation has developed a **Municipal Roads General**
3 **Permit (MRGP) compliance dashboard** which lists all the MRGP towns and whether they are
4 fully compliant or not and if not, which requirements are not currently being met. It can be
5 accessed through the MRGP website and is updated regularly in real time:
6 <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ReportViewer2.aspx?Report=SWMRGPComplianceStatus&ViewParms=False> For more information contact Jim Ryan, Jim.Ryan@vermont.gov, 802-490-6140
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8 • **AARP Community Challenge Grant Program:** AARP Vermont invites community
9 organizations and local governments to apply for the [2021 Community Challenge](#) grant program,
10 *now through April 14*. Grants fund quick-action projects that can range from several hundred
11 dollars for small, short-term activities to several thousand or tens of thousands for larger projects.
12 The Community Challenge is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits and
13 government entities. Other types of organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The
14 application deadline is 8:00 p.m. ET, April 14, 2021, and all projects must be completed by
15 November 10, 2021. To submit an application and view past grantees, visit
16 www.AARP.org/CommunityChallenge.
17 • Chris Dubin, CCRPC staff, gave a brief update on new VT Department of Environmental
18 Conservation portal enhancements, grants in aid updates, and Road Erosion Inventories for this
19 coming summer.
20 • Ashley Bishop, VTrans, noted that Class 2 and Infrastructure grants are due April 15 and there
21 might be more funding available. TAC members can contact her for more information.
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23 The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6.

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25 NICOLE LOSCH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY DENNIS LUTZ, APPROVED
26 UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

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28 Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis