Agenda Executive Committee



Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – 5:45 p.m. Small Conference Room, CCRPC Offices 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT

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2.	Changes to the Agenda, Members' Items	(Action)
3.	Approval of the June 2, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes*	(Action)
4.	TIP amendments*	(Action)
5.	Updating Bank Account Signers & Resolution*	(Action)
6.	 Act 250 & Section 248 Applications a. BPLC, LLC; South Burlington; #4C0473-7A* b. SL Maple Solar I, LLC; Charlotte #21-2094-AN* c. UVM Solar Research and Test Facility; Burlington; #21-2171-AN* d. Town of Colchester, Preferred Site Request – <i>letter will be forthcoming</i> 	(Action)
7.	Legislative Priority check-in*	(Discussion)
8.	Equity Leadership Team Update	(Discussion)
9.	Committee member review/volunteers	(Discussion)
10.	 Chair/Executive Director Report a. FY22-25 Transportation Improvement Program b. Public Meetings/Office Opening Update 	(Discussion)
11.	. Draft CCRPC Board Meeting Agenda *	(Discussion)
12.	. Other Business	(Discussion)
13.	. Executive Session (requested to discuss personnel matters)	(Action)
14.	Adjournment	(Action)
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NEXT MEETING – Executive Committee – Wed. August 4, 2021; 5:45 p.m.

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1		CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION					
2			EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET	ING MINUTES			
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5	DA	TE:	Wednesday June 2, 2021				
6			5:45 PM				
7			Remote Attendance via ZOOM Meeting	John Zicconi, Treasurer			
8	PR	ESENT:	Mike O'Brien, Chair	Catherine McMains, Vice Chair			
9			Bard Hill, at large <5000	Andy Montroll, Immediate Past Chair			
10			Chris Shaw, at large >5000 (6:05 PM)				
11	STAFF:		Charlie Baker, Executive Director	Regina Mahony, Planning Mgr.			
12	STATT.		Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Mgr.				
13			Amy Irvin Witham, Business Office Mgr.				
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15	1.	Call to Ord	er, Attendance. The meeting was called to ord	ler at 5:15 PM by the Chair Mike O'Brien			
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17	2.	Changesto	o the Agenda, Members' Items. There were no	ne			
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18 19	3.	Approvalo	f the May 5, 2021, Joint Executive & Finance C	Committee Meeting Minutes			
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24 25	4.		Section 248 Applications				
25			of Hinesburg, Application #4C1336 – ratificat				
26		-	a reminded members they previously receive				
27			mail on May 13, 2021. This is phase one of a ty				
28			ides to the wastewater treatment plant in Hing				
29		-	on Road and serves the village of Hinesburg. Th				
30			ound the project is in conformance with the Pl	-			
31			ty ECOS Plan, as it is located within both the Ru				
32			ing area (as defined in the 2018 Chittenden Co	• •			
33			upgrades to meet the requirements of the Tot	, , ,			
34			phorus in Lake Champlain, including the currer				
35		•	fically identified in the ECOS plan to meet this				
36			nents are based on the information currently a	vailable, the CCRPC may have additional			
37		comm	nents as the project moves forward.				
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40		LOMONAC	CO DISTRICT #4 COORDINATOR, AS PRESENTED	. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.			
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42	5.		AFT FY22-25 TIP				
43			red members to <u>the Draft FY22-25 Transporta</u>				
44			ponding Memo included with the packet. Eler	•			
45			ould answer any questions they had. She exp				
46			Committee ask the Board to warn a public hea	• • • • •			
47		the TIP at t	he July Board meeting. Eleni also wanted to s	hare a notable item that Christine shared			
48		with the TA	AC; Christine said the TIP is projected to have s	significantly higher funds in the next two			

years as compared with previous TIPs as some largescale projects come together in the county. She
 also said the TIP is meant to be a planning document not the actual capital program, and
 construction schedules shift as projects progress.

- JOHN ZICCONI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARD HILL, TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD WARN
 FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE FY22-25 TIP AT THE JULY BOARD MEETING. MOTION
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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9 6. <u>VPSP2 Draft Scoring and Ranking</u>

Eleni referred members to the following VPSP2 documents included with the packet; <u>VPSP2 Memo</u>,
 <u>VPSP2 Transportation Values chart</u>, <u>VPSP2 Project Input Data chart</u> and the <u>Racial Equity Report:</u>
 <u>Equity Review of Regionally Driven Capital Projects</u>. Eleni reminded members we have discussed the
 VPSP2 project selection and prioritization process at previous meetings. Eleni said we received the
 VTrans transportation values for all projects and Christine Forde added the regional scores in the
 appropriate categories, so we now have the total project scores. The CCRPC also started developing
 a methodology to address equity.

18 The memo outlines the process and explains Transportation equity is not currently a VPSP2 19 criterion, but it is necessary to ensure public funds are allocated to projects that minimize burdens 20 and maximize benefits to traditionally underserved populations. CCRPC has created a pilot 21 transportation equity screening process to incorporate equity into the VPSP2 process. The 22 transportation equity screening process considered a variety of factors including race, linguistic 23 isolation, and income below the poverty level, to identify project areas with higher numbers of underserved populations. The process also considered the extent to which the type of infrastructure 24 25 improvements might either positively (e.g., improving safety, walkability) or negatively (e.g., new 26 facility construction, road widening) impact adjacent populations.

Eleni reviewed the <u>2021-VTrans VPSP2 – Preliminary Transportation Values for CCRPC Projects</u> chart
 with members and provided an overview of the following sections:

30 The Asset Driven Potential Paving Projects and Slab Removal Projects section included the following projects, in order, based on the Transportation Value and corresponding ranking: 31 32 St. George – Williston, Rt 2A Paving 0 33 0 Colchester-Essex, Rt 15 Paving 34 Colchester – Milton, US 7 Paving 0 Colchester - Milton - Georgia, US 7 Slab Removal 35 0 36 Hinesburg – South Burlington, VT 116 Paving 0 37 Williston, US 2 Slab Removal 0 38 Essex – Fairfax, VT 128 Paving 0 The Potential Roadway and Traffic & Safety Projects: Asset Driven and Regionally Driven 39 section included the following projects, in this order: 40 41 0 Shelburne, US7/Harbor Road 42 South Burlington, US2 intersection and Roadway improvements, Dorset to VT116 0 43 Winooski, East Allen Street improvements 0 44 Essex Jct., Train Station Access, and Circulation improvements 0 45 Burlington, Main Street/Battery to Union multi-modal streetscape improvements 0 Burlington, Colchester Ave/Riverside Ave intersection improvements 46 0 47 Colchester, Bayside Roundabout 0 48 0 Burlington, Colchester Ave/Prospect St intersection improvements

1	 Williston, Exit 12 Stage 3 Diverging Diamond interchange/CIRC Alt Phase III
2	 St. George, VT 2A/VT 116
3	 Jericho, VT117/Skunk Hollow Road
4	 Milton, US 7/Racine/Legion/Bartlett/West Milton Rd improvements
5	 Williston, Mtn View Road multi modal improvements
6	 South Burlington, VT 116/Cheesefactory Road
7	• Williston, Exit 12 Stage 2/new Grid Streets and VT 2A intersection, CIRC Alt Phase III
8	 Essex, North Williston Road Hazard Mitigation, CIRC Alt Phase III
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10	Eleni explained this information was presented at the June 1, 2021, Transportation Advisory
11	Committee meeting (TAC). The TAC voted to accept the transportation values and corresponding
12	rankings of all projects as presented and recommended the transportation values and rankings be
13	${\sf presented}$ to the Executive Committee and Board for acceptance. Eleni said the TAC voted only on
14	the transportation values as presented in the 2021 VTrans VPSP2 – Preliminary Transportation Value
15	for CCRPC Projects table and did not vote on the equity screening.
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17	In addition, the TAC provided comments on the transportation values of the projects and a possible
18	equity screening/methodology for VTrans' consideration. Eleni explained that the next step is for the
19	CCRPC and all other RPCs to submit their transportation project values to VTrans for a statewide
20	ranking and selection of projects that will be included in the VTrans proposed FY23-27 Capital
21	Program (CP) once all current CP obligations are met. Some of the regional projects we proposed
22	will end up being in the Capital Program for year 4 and later. We will receive the list from VTrans in
23	September as to how they propose to program our recommended projects.
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25	Bard asked if there was a change in the categories and if the slab removal was a new category? Eleni
26	stated that there were always projects under this category, but they might have been under the
27	Paving instead of the Roadway program. She said that even though these projects are under the
28	Roadway program they are not considered "full-depth reconstruction" projects. CCRPC staff
29	grouped the paving and the slab removal together in the table because it makes sense. Bard asked if
30	the <u>Asset Driven and Slab Removal Projects</u> category were always under the same title? Eleni
31	explained, yes, the slab removal projects are under the asset driven category, but they were
32	combined in the table with the paving projects. Bard questioned this. He feels the characterization
33	may need to be changed, and not called Slab Removal, perhaps it should be in another category.
34	Member discussion ensued regarding the categorization and rankings. Eleni explained, there is a
35	nuance in terms of what can be included in what type of project, slab removal is somewhere in
36 27	between paving and roadway. Bard explained the most pressing issue for Richmond is that VTrans is
37 20	not replacing culverts with the US-2 slab removal project next year. Eleni said slab removal projects
38 20	have some limitations (compared to reconstruction projects); they try to avoid permitting for
39 40	stormwater infrastructure as well as other permits and they generally stay within the state ROW
40	similar to paving projects. Eleni said we will be sure to incorporate Bard's concerns and comments.
41 42	Mike reminded everyone the prioritization that we assign will end up being reassessed by VTrans,
42 43	and a project we set as a top priority could be moved far down the list.
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	John asked, with the equity scores that we currently have, is there a way to show what a system would do, or are these more of an example? Eleni said the TAC questioned what their role was in terms of the equity piece. The TAC voted purely on the transportation value and ranking. Since they

are a technical committee and not fully comfortable addressing the equity component, they decided
to leave any equity policy decisions to the Executive Committee and the Board. Eleni reminded

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1 everyone this is the pilot program, serving as the starting point. Charlie agreed and for context 2 reminded everyone that equity is not currently incorporated into the VPSP2 scoring criteria, and as 3 presented with just the word "equity" it created confusion as to what is meant by equity. We should 4 get clearer that we mean racial equity. He said TAC members, in general, discussed equity in a 5 broader sense (socioeconomic, age, ability, etc.). When we presented this information to the TAC, 6 they decided they would focus on the technical aspects and leave the policy decisions (racial equity) 7 to the Executive Committee and Board. John asked if this is meant to serve only as an illustration? 8 Charlie explained there are different directions that the board could choose to follow as far as how 9 to address racial equity. We decided to take a quick, first pass at addressing racial equity because 10 VTrans and the Legislature are looking for recommendations as they approach the FY23 Capital 11 Program. In terms of the CCPRC serving our municipalities, it is imperative that we address racial equity as a policy matter. We are trying to determine where this fits into the ranking and scoring in 12 13 terms of points. The Preliminary Transportation and Ranking Including Equity table provides some 14 possible scenarios that could be followed. The assigned points range from 0 to 20 and we worked on 15 this with Mark Hughes, from the Vermont Racial Equity Association. The Legislature is asking VTrans 16 to incorporate racial equity into the VPSP2 process and CCRPC will partner with VTrans and other 17 RPCs to hire a consultant to help us do that. Charlie explained, from the discussions he has had with 18 VTrans staff, Kevin Marshia and Michele Boomhower, they are open to comments or suggestions we 19 might have to get this conversation further down the road. We took a first look at adding a racial 20 equity evaluation to projects for their consideration. 21

22 John said he understands this is only the starting point, but if VTrans is already looking at working 23 racial equity into the process, are we going to throw the system out of alignment. Member 24 discussion ensued regarding confusion between our scores/ratings and the scores/ratings outlined 25 in the Racial Equity Association Report; Equity Review of Regionally Driven Capital Projects, as 26 prepared by Mark Hughes. Eleni and Charlie explained we are working on sending VTrans the 27 transportation values and providing comments on racial equity for VTrans consideration. John asked 28 what is the next step, in terms of what exactly we are taking to the Commission? Charlie explained, 29 we are providing the background work from CCRPC Staff and Mark Hughes in order that VTrans can 30 have information on how best to incorporate Racial Equity into the VPSP2 process. We are 31 acknowledging this is an important criterion and we need to start someplace. Eleni agreed, and 32 explained we are trying to develop a system and we are at the very beginning stages; we will need 33 to go much further and deeper with this to make it more objective. She agreed with members that 34 there needs to be a clear criterion for racial equity in the VPSP2 process. Members felt there should 35 be an overview presentation and a clear direction in what the Board is voting on in the June 36 meeting. Eleni and Charlie clarified with members the Board should be asked to vote on the 37 Transportation Project Values/Ranking with comments to VTrans on VPSP2 scoring process and 38 racial equity. CCRPC preliminary equity methodology will be forwarded to VTrans for consideration 39 as they develop the statewide equity process. John felt it was important to extend thanks to CCRPC 40 staff for their hard work and many contributions to this effort. Members agreed. Eleni will pass this 41 message along to Bryan and Christine.

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43 7. <u>Calendar of Meeting Dates</u>

Charlie asked members to review the proposed FY22 schedule of meetings for the Commission and
 Committees between July 2021 through June 2022. Members reviewed. John asked what the
 September Celebration means. Charlie and Mike explained, like previous annual meetings we held
 in June, this will be more of a social meeting than a business meeting. Members suggested that we

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- 1 discuss this at the board meeting to determine people's comfort level with meeting in person in 2 September. 3 4 JOHN ZICCONI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY CATHERINE MCMAINS, TO RECOMMEND THE 5 MEETING SCHEDULE, AS PRESENTED, TO THE BOARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6 7 Review VELCO Long Range Transmission Plan Comment Letter 8. 8 Regina reminded members of the recent VELCO presentation given at the May Board meeting. She 9 explained the presentation highlighted multiple challenges associated with the State's renewable 10 energy goals. Regina referred members to the VELCO letter included with the packet and said this 11 letter would be presented to the board. Regional Planning Committees are working with the Department of Public Service and assessing the criteria for energy determinations, for instance; 12 13 Does the criteria make sense? Are there items that need to be updated? Regina explained we will 14 work together because we need to figure out solutions. The staff offered the following draft 15 comments on the VELCO draft plan: CCRPC supports the plan's recommendation to focus on increased electric efficiency and 16 • 17 non-transmission alternatives to avoid negative impacts on electric transmission reliability in 18 the short-term. 19 CCRPC understands the requirement that VELCO and the Vermont Systems Planning • 20 Committee (VSPC) conduct least-cost integrated planning and seek non-transmission 21 alternatives to reliability issues (30 V.S.A. 218c and PUC Docket 7081). However, CCRPC 22 observes that the findings of the 2021 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan clearly 23 indicate that it will be extremely difficult for municipalities, regional planning commissions, 24 and the State of Vermont to achieve the goals of our enhanced energy plans (24 V.S.A. 25 4352) and the State Comprehensive Energy Plan through only non-transmission alternatives. 26 Additional transmission infrastructure will be needed, particularly in northern Vermont, to 27 ensure that each geographic region of the State is able to contribute to our future 28 renewable energy goals. Therefore, CCRPC recommends that VELCO establish a "next steps" 29 section of this plan to include work with all necessary partners to identify and plan for 30 transmission upgrades to ensure the state meets the future energy goals, and identification 31 of best locations for storage near distributed generation. 32 CCRPC also recommends a summary of the findings and an action agenda with specific next 33 steps and identification of responsible entities for a clearer and more concise message to all 34 stakeholders. 35 36 John thanked Regina and staff. He voiced concerns with VELCO's long term strategy for dealing with 37 power distribution, specifically in areas where development calls for power upgrades. He feels the 38 current practice places an enormous financial responsibility upon a single developer, which will 39 (potentially) restrict economic development opportunities. John said he recently discussed this 40 issue with Taylor Newton. Taylor said it has been discussed at various State meetings, and that the 41 Vermont Public Service Department is also concerned. The Vermont Public Utility Commission is also
- investigating imposing a possible impact fee in northern Vermont where power transmission is
 already close to capacity. John would like this worked into the letter. Regina agreed and said this can
 fit under comment number two. Catherine agreed. She feels VELCO needs a proactive approach,
 that upgrades and planning need to be addressed now to meet the needs of the future. Bard said
 he feels the plan is reactive rather than proactive, and lack of integration is an issue. Regina thanked
 members for their comments and committed to updating the draft comment letter for
- 48 consideration by the board.

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2	9.	Equity Leadership Team Update Charlie said the team recently held their second meeting. He
3		explained we want to ensure we are sharing the information from the meetings with our board and
4		committee members. Mike asked if we have shared the reading materials yet? Charlie said no, in
5		addition to sharing with Board members, we also need to share the information with the TAC, PAC,
6		and various committees. Charlie said there will be information sent out over the next few weeks and
7		then after any subsequent meetings. Charlie said Creative Discourse is going to ask Board Members
8		to participate in an equity screening interview. Mike said we need to make sure everyone is aware
9		this is happening. Amy will e-mail board members once dates are determined. Everyone will be
10		given a choice between two dates for the equity screening interview.
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12	10.	Chair/Executive Director Report
13		a. I-89 2050 Study Update
14		Charlie stated there has only been one I-89 Study meeting since the last Executive Committee
15		meeting with the Central Vermont RPC TAC. We did meet with RSG to explore ways to reduce
16		traffic demands and we are going to hire them to provide strategic modeling analysis on how to
17		reduce traffic demand. Eleni said this will be a great tool for us that we can use in the I-89
18		Study but also during the next MTP update. More information on this will be shared in the fall.
19		b. Legislative Update
20		Charlie explained much of the policy work did not reach fruition. The Rental Registry Bill did not
21		move forward, nor did the Bylaw Modernization Bill. Specific to RPC funding, \$75,000 was
22		approved in additional planning grant funds for each RPC. This money can be spent over a
23		period of one to three years. There is also \$12,000 to \$13,000 in funding to be used to assist
24		municipalities with the ARPA Funding for each of the next couple of years. There was \$1
25		million in brownfield assessment funding passed for RPCs of which we should receive about
26		\$100,000. There was also a last-minute addition of \$1 Million Dollars to be used by RPCs to
27		support towns in implementing their energy plans. We believe that there is an intent for this
28		funding to be more than a one-year commitment. We are likely to receive between \$80,000
29		and \$120,000 in FY22. This will equate to a full-time staff person supporting energy
30		committees around Chittenden County. Regina said our municipalities' energy committees do
31		not typically have any dedicated staff. Catherine agreed, she said Jericho has no staff at all for
32		the energy committee, and funds are very helpful to help educate community members and
33		promote energy initiatives. We are looking into how best to staff these initiatives. Charlie
34		mentioned that Sandy Thibault, the Executive Director for CATMA, is still interested in office
35		sharing. Our staffing needs will be evaluated to see if that idea will make sense.
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37	11.	Draft CCRPC Board Meeting Agenda.
28		Charlie reviewed the lune Board agenda with members. Mike suggested we add an Equity

Charlie reviewed the June Board agenda with members. Mike suggested we add an Equity
 Leadership update regarding interviews the Board members will be asked to participate in. Bard said
 he would like to discuss staff working from home and ways the CCRPC can hold hybrid versions of
 meetings to accommodate both in-person and video conference meetings. Member discussion
 ensued. Regina said CATMA is currently doing research on telework trends.

44 12. <u>Other Business</u>: There was none.

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 43. Executive Session: CHRIS SHAW MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JOHN ZICCONI, TO MOVE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN CCRPC Joint Finance & Executive Committee 7 | P a g e Meeting Minutes

1	ATTENDANCE: MIKE O'BRIEN, CATHERINE MCMAINS, JOHN ZICCONI, CHRIS SHAW, BARD HILL, and
2	staff, CHARLIE BAKER, BEGINNING AT 7:18 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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4	CHRIS SHAW MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARD HILL, TO EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:43
5	PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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7	CHRIS SHAW MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARD HILL, THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
8	RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SPEND UP TO
9	100% OF THE FY22 SALARY BUDGET, AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FOR STAFF AND
10	AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. ALL IN
11	ATTENDANCE IN FAVOR.
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13	14. Adjournment: BARD HILL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY CHRIS SHAW, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
14	AT 7:44 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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16	Respectfully submitted,
17	Amy Irvin Witham



CCRPC Executive Committee

July 7, 2021 Consent Item

FY2021 TIP Amendment

Issues:

s: Make the following changes to the FY21 year of the TIP.

Stormwater Retrofit for Four Locations in South Burlington (Project OT050, Amendment FY21-55)

Description of TIP Change: Add \$216,000 in Federal funds for the design of stormwater retrofit best management practices to implement VTrans Flow Restoration Plans. This project will address three locations on I-89 – at Exit 13, Exit 14 and north of Hinesburg Road – and one location on I-189 near Shelburne Road.

Stormwater Retrofit at VT289/VT15, Essex (Project OT049, Amendment FY21-56)

Description of TIP Change: Add \$48,600 in Federal funds for the design of stormwater retrofit best management practices to implement VTrans Flow Restoration Plans. This project will address a location near the VT 289/VT 15 intersection.

VT116/VT2A Intersection Improvements, St. George (Project HP134, Amendment FY21-57)

Description of TIP Change: Add \$65,000 in Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for scoping for this intersection project. The FY20 TIP had \$100,00 for scoping but the funds were not needed in that year. \$20,000 was previously obligated and additional funds are needed to complete scoping.

Staff/TAC Recommendation:	Recommend approval of the proposed TIP Amendments
For more information contact:	Christine Forde cforde@ccrpcvt.org <i>or</i> 846-4490 ext. *13



Chittenden County Executive Committee July 7, 2021 Agenda Item 5: Action Item

Updating Bank Account Signers & Resolution

Issues: CCRPC policy is that the Executive Director and the Board Officers of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer are signers on CCRPC bank accounts. Whenever there is a different office holder the signers need to be updated, which requires an action of the Board and some bank paperwork, including a Resolution.

Mike leaving the office of Chair and Chris filling the office of Vice-Chair requires such an update. Catherine and John were already signers, so we only had to update Catherine's title.

The Resolution and the Member Application are both included in the packet with this agenda item. Given the remote nature of our meetings, I will collect signatures from each of you over the next few days. Staff are recommending that you take action recognizing the change in signers and adopt the Resolution as presented.

StaffStaff recommends the Executive Committee make a motion recognizing
that effective June 30, 2021, with the vacating of the office of Chair, Mike
O'Brien is no longer a signer on CCRPC bank accounts; and Chris Shaw by
filling the office of Vice-Chair, is a signer on CCRPC bank accounts.
Catherine McMains as Chair, and John Zicconi as Secretary/Treasurer,
remain signers. The Executive Committee should also take action to adopt
the Opportunities Credit Union *Resolution* as presented.

For more informationForest Cohencontact:fcohen@ccrpcvt.org

CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

By:

Referred to in this document as "Financial Institution"

Referred to in this document as "Corporation"

l,		, certif	y that I am Secretary (clerk) of the abov	e named corporation organiz	ed under the laws of
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			, and that the resolutions on thi		
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	(2)	Open any deposit or share account(s) i	in the name of the Corporation.		
	(3)	Endorse checks and orders for the pay with this Financial Institution.	ment of money or otherwise withdraw o	r transfer funds on deposit	
	(4)	Borrow money on behalf and in the name or other evidences of indebtedness.	me of the Corporation, sign, execute and	d deliver promissory notes	
	(5)	bonds, real estate or other property no security for sums borrowed, and to dis	pledge bills receivable, warehouse recei w owned or hereafter owned or acquire count the same, unconditionally guarant to waive demand, presentment, protest	d by the Corporation as tee payment of all bills	
	(6)	Enter into a written lease for the purpo Deposit Box in this Financial Institution	ose of renting, maintaining, accessing an n.	d terminating a Safe	
	(7)	Other			

LIMITATIONS ON POWERS The following are the Corporation's express limitations on the powers granted under this resolution.

RESOLUTIONS

The Corporation named on this resolution resolves that,

- (1) The Financial Institution is designated as a depository for the funds of the Corporation and to provide other financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
- (2) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Financial Institution. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and certified to the Financial Institution as governing the operation of this corporation's account(s), are in full force and effect, until the Financial Institution receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Financial Institution, establishing the authority for the changes.
- (3) The signature of an Agent on this resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Corporation. Any Agent, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent of the Corporation, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated on page one, from time to time with the Financial Institution, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.
- (4) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the Corporation with the Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
- (5) The Corporation agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent of the Corporation. The Corporation authorizes the Financial Institution, at any time, to charge the Corporation for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on the Financial Institution, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.
- (6) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Agents of the Corporation to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term "automated access device" includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
- (7) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issued to or obtained from the Agent named on this resolution. The term "alternative signature and verification codes" includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures on file with the Financial Institution, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signatures. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on this resolution, (or that are filed separately by the Corporation with the Financial Institution from time to time) the Financial Institution is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of the Agent(s) regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Financial Institution shall have no responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternative signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Pennsylvania. The designation of an Agent does not create a power of attorney; therefore, Agents are not subject to the provisions of 20 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5601 et seq. (Chapter 56; Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries Code) unless the agency was created by a separate power of attorney. Any provision that assigns Financial Institution rights to act on behalf of any person or entity is not subject to the provisions of 20 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5601 et seq. (Chapter 56; Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries Code).

EFFECT ON PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS This resolution supersedes resolution dated _______. If not completed, all resolutions remain in effect. **CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**

I further certify that the Board of Directors of the Corporation has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the resolutions on page 2 and to confer the powers granted above to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same. (Apply seal below where appropriate.)

☐ If checked, the Corporation is a non-profit corporation.

In Witness Whereof, I have subscribed my name to this document and affixed the seal of the Corporation on _____ (date).

Attest by One Other Officer

Secretary

FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USE ONLY

Acknowledged and received on ______ (date) by _____ (initials) 🗌 This resolution is superseded by resolution dated ______.

Comments:

MEMBER APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

	MEMBER INFORMATION		
Name: Chittenden County Regional Plann	ing Commission		
Date of Birth:	SSNITIN: 03-6015624	Driver's Lic #	
Marting Address: 110 West Canal Street	city: Winooski	State: VT Zip 0	5404
Physical Address: 110 West Canal Street	_ city: <u>Winooski</u>		5404
Home/Cell Phone: 802-846-4490	Work Phone:		
Mother's Maiden Name:	_ Source of Income	Occupation	
	JOINT OWNER INFORMATION		
Name: Charles L Baker			
	SSNITIN: 112-60-6907	Driver's Lic. # 22589(075
	city: So Burlington	State Zip:0	5403
Physical Address: 68 Moss Glen Lane	_ city: So Burlington	State: Zip: _0	5403
Home/Cell Phone: 802-497-0733	_ Work Phone:	12	
Mother's Maiden Name: Lasselle	Source of Income: CCRPC	Occupation: Executive Directo	or
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Authorized Signer Joint Fiduciary			
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MEMBER APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

	MEMBER INFORMATION	
Name: Chittenden County Regional Plan		
	02.0045004	Driver's Lic #
Mailing Address: 110 West Canal Street		
Home/Cell Phone: 802-846-4490	Work Phone	
Mother's Maiden Name:	Source of Income:	Occupation
	JOINT OWNER INFORMATION	
Name: Charles L Baker		
Date of Birth:	SSN/TIN: 112-60-6907	Driver's Lic. # 22589075
Mailing Address: 68 MOSS Glen Lane	_ city: <u>So Burlington</u>	
Physical Address: <u>68 MOSS Glen Lane</u>	_ city: <u>So Burlington</u>	
Home/Cell Phone: 802-497-0733	Work Phone	
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July 8, 2021

Rachel Lomonaco Act 250 Coordinator 111 West Street Essex Junction, VT 05452

RE: 85 Meadowland Drive; South Burlington; Application #4C0473-7A

Dear Ms. Lomonaco:

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission's Staff and Executive Committee have reviewed this Act 250 application for a project described as the release of existing on-site mitigation area for primary agricultural soils at 85 Meadowland Drive in South Burlington, VT. Impacts to agricultural soils could instead be mitigated off-site. We understand that the District Commission intends to narrow the scope of the hearing to 9B (primary agricultural soils) unless the scope is expanded at the hearing.

This, in and of itself, will not require local Development Review Board approval and therefore has not been sought. However, the Planning Commission and City Council may have comments.

We offer the following comments:

The project is located within the Enterprise Planning Area as defined in the Chittenden County Regional Plan, entitled the *2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan*. We find this project to be consistent with the Planning Area for the following reasons:

- The Enterprise Planning Area is identified in the Plan as an area where local zoning authorizes a future concentration of employment uses that attract workers from the County and multi-county region. Development in these Planning Areas should have adequate wastewater capacity and access to transit or be near these services. Typically, this area encompasses major employers or a cluster of single employers and has current or planned transit service.
- 2. The Enterprise Planning Area is an area planned for growth, and therefore this project helps implement Strategy #2 of the Plan which calls for 80% of new development in the areas planned for growth.

Therefore, we find this project to generally be in conformance with the Planning Areas of the 2018 Chittenden County Regional Plan, based on the limited information currently available.

Due to the detailed level of development review in most Chittenden County municipalities, and the environmental permit reviews at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, CCRPC focuses its Act 250 reviews on the type of proposed land use and the Planning Areas section of the 2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan. The CCRPC also focuses its review on transportation-related issues, where appropriate, in accordance with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which is within the 2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan.

These comments are based on information currently available; we may have additional comments as the process continues. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charlie Baker Executive Director

Cc: CCRPC Board Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 8th day of July 2021, a copy of the foregoing letter concerning Act 250 Land Use Permit Application #4C0473-7A, was sent by U.S. mail, postage prepaid to the following individuals without email addresses and by email to the individuals with email addresses listed.

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Michael Barsotti, Water Quality Director Champlain Water District 403 Queen City Park Road South Burlington, VT 05403 mike.barsotti@champlainwater.org Dated at Winooski, Vermont, this 7th day of July, 2021





July 8, 2021

Nils Behn Aegis Renewable Energy, Inc. 340 Mad River Park Waitsfield, VT 05473 <u>nbehn@aegis-re.com</u>

RE: Advance Notice of Petition for SL Maple Solar I, LLC's 150 kW Project in Charlotte, VT – Carpenter Road (Case # 21-2094-AN)

Dear Mr. Behn:

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) has received the 45-day notice of a Section 248 Petition to be filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission for a 150 kW solar project on Carpenter Road in Charlotte, VT. CCRPC has reviewed this project's conformance with CCRPC's 2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan, which gained a Determination of Energy Compliance from the Vermont Department of Public Service on August 9, 2018.

ECOS Energy Goal

CCRPC finds that this project meets the intent of the Energy Goal (Goal #17) of the 2018 ECOS Plan: "Move Chittenden County's energy system toward a cleaner, more efficient and renewable system that benefits health, economic development, and the local/global climate by working towards the State's Comprehensive Energy Plan goals."

Strategy 2, Action 4b of the ECOS Plan states "CCRPC supports the generation of new renewable energy in the County to meet the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan's goals of using 90% renewable energy by 2050, in a manner that is cost effective and respects the natural environment." Development of the proposed solar facility would implement this action.

The Plan's suitability policies help determine whether projects are cost effective and the Plan's constraint policies help determine whether projects respect the natural environment:

Suitability Policies

The 2018 ECOS Plan recommends the location of renewable energy generation facilities in appropriate locations, as defined by the polices in Strategy 2, Action 4b. Inability to meet these guidelines does not necessarily preclude the ability to develop renewable energy generation development. The project as proposed meets two of the suitability policies:

- The project is located proximate to existing distribution infrastructure with adequate capacity and near areas with high electric load.
- The project is outside of any state designated centers or historic districts.

Constraints Policies

The 2018 ECOS Plan states that development should be located to avoid state and local known constraints that have been field verified, and to minimize impacts to state and local possible constraints that have been field verified (Strategy 3, Action 1.f and Strategy 4, Action 1.f and Action 2.e). We've identified a number of constraints in our review and are therefore asking for further information before determining whether this project as proposed is in conformance with the Regional Plan. Our review indicates that the following state known constraints may be impacted by the project:

• <u>Class 1 and 2 wetlands:</u> The proposed facility is located on a lot that contains a Class 2 wetland per the Vermont State Wetlands Inventory. CCRPC requests that the full petition confirm that no new infrastructure will be located within a wetland; unless approval is received from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Our review indicates that the following state possible constraints may be impacted by the project:

- <u>Agricultural Soils and Hydric Soils:</u> The proposed facility is located on an area composed of prime and statewide agricultural soils. CCRPC requests that impacts to these soils be minimized in accordance with the recommendations of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture.
- <u>Protected Lands</u>: The proposed facility is located on land that appears to be subject to a Vermont Land Trust easement. CCRPC requests that the applicant confirm the existence of this easement in the full petition and explain if this easement restricts solar development on the site.

Our review indicates that the following local possible constraints may be impacted by the project:

- <u>Slopes Greater Than 15%</u>: Part of the proposed parcel contains slopes greater than 15% grade. Please confirm the proposed facility is not located in this area.
- <u>Land in Active Agriculture:</u> The parcel is actively being farmed. Development of the parcel to a solar facility would likely remove the parcel from agricultural production. Please provide more information about how impacts to this constraint may be mitigated in the full petition.
- <u>Water Supply Protection</u>: The proposed facility is located in a water supply protection area. Please provide more information about how impacts to this constraint may be mitigated in the full petition.

These comments are based on information currently available; CCRPC will review the full petition before making a final decision regarding the project's conformance with the ECOS Plan and both the suitability and constraints policies.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Charlie Baker Executive Director

cc: CCRPC Board

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Dean Bloch, Town Administrator, Town of Charlotte

Attachment A - Conceptual Site Plan



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Attachment B - ANR Resources Map

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Encore Renewable Energy c/o Phillip D. Foy 220 Main Street Second Floor, Suite 2C Burlington, VT 05401

Re: UVM Solar Research and Test Facility – 45-day Notice of Application (#21-2171-AN)

Dear Mr. Foy,

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission ("CCRPC") is in receipt of the 45-day notice of application submitted by UVM Solar Research and Test Facility for the construction of a 50 kW solar array to be located on Intervale Road in Burlington, VT. The subject parcel is owned by the City of Burlington. CCRPC has reviewed this project's conformance with CCRPC's 2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan, which gained a Determination of Energy Compliance from the Vermont Department of Public Service on August 9, 2018.

ECOS Energy Goal

CCRPC finds that this project meets the intent of the Energy Goal (Goal #17) of the 2018 ECOS Plan: "Move Chittenden County's energy system toward a cleaner, more efficient and renewable system that benefits health, economic development, and the local/global climate by working towards the State's Comprehensive Energy Plan goals."

Strategy 2, Action 4b of the ECOS Plan states "CCRPC supports the generation of new renewable energy in the County to meet the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan's goals of using 90% renewable energy by 2050, in a manner that is cost effective and respects the natural environment." Development of this solar facility helps implement this action.

The Plan's suitability policies help determine whether projects are cost effective, and the Plan's constraint policies help determine whether projects respect the natural environment:

Suitability Policies

The 2018 ECOS Plan recommends the location of renewable energy generation facilities in appropriate locations, as defined by the polices in Strategy 2, Action 4b. The project as proposed meets the following suitability policies:

- 1. <u>Locate energy generation proximate to existing distribution and transmission infrastructure</u>: The proposed facility is located adjacent to existing distribution infrastructure.
- 2. <u>Locate solar generation on previously impacted area</u>: The proposed facility is located on an area used for wood scrap collection.
- 3. <u>Locate ground-mounted solar larger than 15 kW...outside of state designated village centers</u>: The project is not located within a designated village center.

CCRPC finds that the location of this project meets the suitability policies of the 2018 ECOS Plan.

Constraints Policies

The 2018 ECOS Plan states that development should be located to avoid state and local known constraints that have been field verified, and to minimize impacts to state and local possible constraints that have been field verified (Strategy 3, Action 1.f and Strategy 4, Action 1.f and Action 2.e). Our review indicates that three State known constraints may be impacted by the project:

- River Corridors: Part of the proposed facility is possibly located within a River Corridor along the Winooski River. CCRPC requests that the full petition confirm that no new infrastructure will be located within the River Corridor; unless approval is received from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.
- Rare, threatened and endangered species: Information from the Agency Natural Resources indicates the possible location of existence of a rare, threatened, or endangered species in the vicinity of the proposed project. CCRPC requests that the petitioner identify the existence, or not, of rare, threatened, or endangered species in the full petition. If this constraint exists on site, the full petition should confirm that no new infrastructure will impact this constraint; unless approval is received from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.
- Class 1 and Class 2 Wetlands The proposed facility is located on a lot that may contain Class 2 wetlands. CCRPC requests that the full petition confirm that no new infrastructure will be located within a wetland; unless approval is received from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Our review indicates that two State possible constraints may be impacted by the project:

- Flood Hazard Area The proposed project is located within the Flood Hazard Area. CCRPC requests that impacts to the Flood Hazard Area be minimized in accordance with the recommendations of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.
- Agricultural Soils The proposed project appears to be located on prime agricultural soils and statewide important agricultural soils. CCRPC requests that impacts to the prime agricultural soils and statewide important agricultural soils be minimized in accordance with the recommendations of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Further, one local possible constraint may be impacted by the project:

• Mixed Use, Institutional, Core Campus, and Enterprise Zoning Districts - The proposed project is located within the Enterprise Zoning District. Based on conversations with City of Burlington Planning Staff, this constraint is likely not an impediment to developing a facility on-site.

These comments are based on information currently available; we may have additional comments as the process continues. We understand that the project may change between the submittal of the advance notice and the final petition. CCRPC will review the project location again with each new submittal to confirm our findings.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Charlie Baker Executive Director

CC: CCRPC Board Scott Gustin, Principal Planner for Development Review, City of Burlington





DRAFT – Policy Participation Topics for CCRPC Board – July 2021

This list has been updated and will be discussed at the July Board meeting to prepare for 2022 Legislative session.

	Topic – click on links for more detailed info in this document	ECOS Plan Strategy	<i>ECOS Plan</i> Top 10 Action	Included in FY21 UPWP?	CCRPC Committee	Staff Recommendation
1.	<u>Clean Water (2019 Act 76)</u>	#3 – water quality	#5 – water quality	Yes	CWAC	Yes, Staff is preparing to work on 'start-up' preparations for the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) in FY22.
2.	Transportation Bill, VTrans' Project Selection & Prioritization Processes (VPSP2), and the Transportation Climate Initiative	#2 – smart growth	#2 - transportation	Yes	TAC	Yes, Staff will monitor this year's Transportation bill (as always). CCRPC will continue participating in VTrans' VPSP2 process and provide updates to the TAC and Board, as necessary. CCRPC will continue to monitor the Transportation Climate Initiative effort.
3.	Act 250 Reform & Housing	#2 – smart growth	#1 – land use/smart growth	Yes	ad hoc Act 250, PAC	Yes, CCRPC Staff recommends that we continue with this work.
4.	Broadband Deployment throughout Vermont	#1 – economic development	Not specifically included	No	РАС	Yes, Staff recommends that we assist in ensuring broadband expansion in the region.
5.	Energy Planning and Climate Change – Global Warming Solutions	#2 – smart growth	#4 – energy planning	No	Executive	Yes, Staff recommends that CCRPC monitor the Comprehensive Energy Plan update, Climate Council's work and PUC investigations and rulemaking.
6.	<u>Cannabis taxation and</u> regulation (Act 164 of 2020)			No	PAC	CCRPC will be working with the Planning Advisory Committee on the relevant rule making and municipal zoning as more details are worked out.
7.	Project Specific TIF	#2 – smart growth	#1 – land use/smart growth	Yes	PAC	Yes, Staff recommends that CCRPC monitor and support this bill if it gets re-introduced.
8.	Equity Related Bills	#8 - equity	Not specifically included	Yes	Executive Committee	Yes, Staff recommends that equity be a major focus area, and lens through which we do all of our work.

9.	Increased Municipal Self- governance	#7 – government efficiency & finance	Not specifically included	No	CCRPC staff suggests that we review these proposals when requested by our municipalities.
10.	<u>Regional Dispatch Start-up</u> <u>Funding</u>	#5 – health & safety; and #7 – government efficiency & finance	#6 – emergency management	Yes	Staff recommends that CCRPC look for opportunities for support.
11.	State Budget Bill & American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	No	No	No	Staff recommends that CCRPC assist with the COVID pandemic recovery effort as requested/needed.

1. Clean Water (2019 Act 76)

Act 76, the 2019 Clean Water Bill that was the brainchild of the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), establishes a new structure for improving water quality throughout Vermont. It should also better achieve the clean water goals established in total maximum daily load (TMDL) plans that have been approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The concept is to devolve responsibility for administering non-regulatory clean water programs to entities other than ANR, which is not well suited to implementing them. CCRPC will be the Clean Water Service Provider for the Direct to Lake Basin. The rulemaking process wrapped up on July 1, 2021 and CCRPC is working on 'start-up' preparations for the Clean Water Service Provider in FY22.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: CCRPC Staff will move forward on preparations for the CWSP.

2. Transportation Bill, VTrans' Project Selection & Prioritization Processes – VPSP2, Transportation Climate Initiative

VPSP2 - VTrans continues the process of updating its project selection and prioritization processes. They are seeking to improve the performancebased and data driven project selection and prioritization framework. The new process has been tested this spring (2021) for Paving, Roadway, and Traffic & Safety projects. Next year, the VPSP2 will be used for Bridge projects. VTrans been seeking RPC input throughout the process and Christine has been serving on the VPSP2 Core Group.

The <u>Transportation and Climate Initiative Program</u> (TCI-P) is a regional collaboration of 12 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia that seeks to improve transportation, develop the clean energy economy and reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector. The participating states are: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. Recognizing that more than one third of all carbon emissions come from the transportation sector, participating states started taking action through working groups focused on regional priorities, such as <u>clean vehicles and fuels</u>. Several TCI states, in conjunction with the other participating states, published the following documents on June 10, 2021: TCI-P Model Rule, Draft Framework for Public Engagement, DRAFT TCI-P

Model Implementation Plan, and Draft Proposed Strategies for Regional Collaboration. In Vermont, ANR and VTrans are working together on this initiative.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: Continue to monitor the state Transportation bill (as we do every year), continue to participate in VTrans' VPSP2 process and provide updates to the TAC and Board, as necessary. CCRPC will continue to monitor the Transportation Climate Initiative as it directly ties into our transportation and energy work.

3. Act 250 Reform and Housing

"Following the veto of last year's reform proposal [H.926], new proposals to update Vermont's statewide development review were introduced again this year (H.120, S.112 and H.400). Although some testimony was taken, no reform bill was voted out of committee. Stakeholders expect renewed efforts again next year." Source: <u>DHCD's 2021 Legislative Revisions Memo</u>.

Pending S.79 - Rental Housing Registry, Inspection & Investment. From <u>DHCD's 2021 Legislative Revisions Memo</u> "Registry & Inspection S.79 passed during the veto session and is pending consideration by the Governor. If signed into law, the bill would establish a statewide rental housing registry under the authority of the DHCD, and an inspection system for rental housing, including short-term rentals, under the authority of the Division of Public Safety, registrations would be filed annually in March." The bill also establishes a rental improvement program and a no-interest loan program up to \$50,000 to first-time homebuyers with incomes less than 120% of area median income. DHCD's report states that the first time homebuyer program's outreach "would focus communication to prospective beneficiaries that have been historically and systemically discriminated against in the housing market."

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: CCRPC has been working with our municipalities and regional partners on the Act 250 reform effort for the past four years. CCRPC Staff recommends that we continue in this work in line with ECOS Plan Strategy #2; and Top 10 Action #1. CCRPC Staff also recommend that we assist with implementation of S.79 if it becomes law as requested.

4. Broadband Deployment throughout Vermont

Act 71 (H.360) - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment passed in 2021. The budget allocates \$250M in ARPA funds to broadband development and this act establishes the Vermont Community Broadband Fund to support policies and programs designed to accelerate community efforts that advance the State's goal of achieving universal access to reliable, high-quality, affordable, fixed broadband and to establish the Vermont Community Broadband Board to coordinate, facilitate, support, and accelerate the development and implementation of universal community broadband solutions. Act 71 identifies Communication Union Districts and small service providers (those providing service in 5 counties or less) as entities eligible for these funds. CCRPC will be working with municipalities on the best approach for serving the County's approximately 2,000 underserved homes. under review in December 2020. CCRPC will refer to <u>Covid-19 Response Telecommunications Recovery Plan</u> for implementation recommendations; and CCRPC will assist in ensuring broadband expansion in the region.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: CCRPC will assist in ensuring broadband expansion in the region.

5. Energy Planning and Climate Council – Global Warming Solutions Act

CCRPC provided comments on VELCO's draft Long Range Transmission Plan in June 2021 as there are limitations in our transmission system that will impede the ability to achieve the state's energy goals. The Department of Public Service is also updating the Comprehensive Energy Plan, with an expected completion date of January 2022. CCRPC has been and will continue to participate in this Plan update. Ultimately, information from these plans will be incorporated into the ECOS Plan update.

H.688 of 2020 (Act 153), known as the Vermont Global Warming Solutions Act of 2020, created a council charged with developing a plan to meet the following milestones: reduce greenhouse gas pollution to 26% below 2005 levels by 2025, to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80% below by 2050. The <u>Climate Council</u> is underway and is working on a Plan to meet the Act's goals by December 2021.

CCRPC will also monitor and participate in Public Utility Commission investigations as they impact implementation of our regional and local energy plans, such as net metering rules (PUC Case 19-0855-RULE) and caps on renewable energy generation.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: Staff recommends that CCRPC continue to participate and comment on the Comprehensive Energy Plan update, monitor the Climate Council's work, and monitor PUC investigations and rulemaking as appropriate.

6. Cannabis taxation and regulation (<u>Act 164 of 2020</u>)

<u>S.54 (Act 164 of 2020)</u> – Cannabis Tax and Regulate – became law on October 7th, and will become fully effective in 2022. The new tax and regulatory system is still a work in progress, with responsibility for some details left to the new Cannabis Control Board, which will be formed in 2021. Here are some key points:

- Local municipalities (via voter approval) may opt in to allow retail sales in their community. A proposed bill in the 2021 legislative session would have changed this but it did not pass.
- Municipalities cannot issue blanket prohibitions of cannabis establishments (cultivation, testing, warehousing, and distribution) via ordinance or zoning, but can regulate via zoning and local licensing boards.
- CCRPC will assist municipalities with zoning issues upon request.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: CCRPC will be working with the Planning Advisory Committee on the relevant components of this bill as more details are worked out.

7. Project Specific TIF

This was introduced as House bill 642 in 2020 – it proposed allowing a municipality to use tax increment financing to develop a project. The intention is to simplify the process and program for small infrastructure projects in rural communities like municipal wastewater. It was introduced in January 2020, but didn't move. There was more movement on this in the 2021 legislative session but ultimately did not pass.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: Staff recommends that CCRPC monitor and support this bill if it gets re-introduced.

8. Equity Related Bills

We anticipate bills emerging in the 2022 session. This issue has been one of our ECOS Plan Strategies since 2013. Addressing systemic racism will take a concerted effort by everyone. CCRPC has hired and has begun working with Creative Discourse, a racial equity partner, to deepen our understanding, help our municipalities, and help us create meaningful change. We anticipate that we'll be updating our equity impact assessment tool.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: Staff recommends that equity be a major focus area, and lens through which we do all of our work. We will monitor any bills that are relevant to our work.

9. Increased Municipal Self-governance

This bill, Senate bill 106, was first introduced in 2020 and discussed again in 2021. It would support decision making at the government level closest to the people, recognizing the capacity of local officials to govern themselves. Also, in 2021 Williston and Winooski had proposals forwarded as bills to the legislature, where any charter change approved for another municipality may be adopted by 19 majority vote of the town voters without the need to return to the General Assembly for approval. Karen Horn, VLCT, discussed these proposals with the CCRPC Board in January 2021. This will be an ongoing issue and challenge. CCRPC staff suggests that we review these proposals when requested by our municipalities.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: CCRPC staff suggests that we review these proposals when requested by our municipalities.

10. Regional Dispatch Start-up Funding

As the State looks for alternatives to the current system, we created a Chittenden County Public Safety Authority for the purpose of regional dispatch. This concept works financially and operationally in the long term and will provide better service; however, there is a significant amount of capital needed for start-up. There is a \$2,100,000 total needed. So far, the municipalities have come up with about \$325,000; leaving a gap of \$1,775,000.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: CCRPC look for opportunities for support.

11. State Budget Bill & American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

There will be a significant amount of public dollars deployed to assist with recovery from the COVID pandemic. CCRPC will collaborate with VLCT on assisting municipalities with the ARPA funds, and will assist with other requests/needs as they arise.

Staff Recommendation to the CCRPC Board: Staff recommends that CCRPC assist with the COVID pandemic recovery effort as requested/needed.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 - <u>6:00 p.m</u>. Large Conference Room, CCRPC Offices 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT



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CONSENT AGENDA -

C.1 Minor TIP Amendment – Attached*

DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

1.	Call to Order; Attendance; Changes to the Agenda (Action; 1 minute	
2.	Public Comment Period on Items <u>NOT</u> on the Agenda (Discussion; 5 minutes)	
3.	Action on Consent Agenda*	(MPO Action, if needed; 1 minute)
4.	Approve Minutes of June 16, 2021, Meeting* (Action; 1 minute	
5.	Telework trends, CATMA * (Discussion: 30 minutes)	
6.	FY22 Meeting Calendar*	(Action: 1 minute)
7. 8.	 FY22-25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) * a. Public Hearing b. Action on the TIP c. Certification of the Planning Process* Committee member review/volunteers* 	(MPO Action; 10 minutes) (MPO Action; 1 minute) (MPO Action: 1 minute) (Discussion; 10 minutes)
9.	???*	(Action; 10 minutes)
10.	 Chair/Executive Director Report a. Equity Leadership Team update b. CEDS update c. Public Meetings/Office Re-opening update 	(Discussion; 10 minutes)
11.	1. Committee/Liaison Activities & Reports * (Information, 2 minutes	

- a. Executive Committee (draft minutes June 2, 2021)*
 - i. Act 250 Sec 248 letters
 - b. Transportation Advisory Committee (draft minutes June 1, 2021)*

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- c. Clean Water Advisory Committee (<u>draft minutes</u> June 1, 2021)*
- d. MS-4 Sub-Committee (<u>draft minutes</u> June 1, 2021)*
- Brownfields Advisory Committee (<u>draft minutes</u> May 11, 2021)*
- f. Planning Advisory Committee (<u>draft minutes</u> May 12, 2021)*
- 12. Future Agenda Topics
- 13. Members' Items, Other Business
- 14. Adjourn

The June 16, 2021 Chittenden County RPC streams LIVE on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLljLFn4BZd2O0l4hJU_nJ9q0l3PdQR0Pp. The meeting will air Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 1 p.m. and is available on the web at: <u>https://www.cctv.org/watch-</u> tv/series/chittenden-county-regional-planning-commission.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u> - Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at our offices:

- Transportation Advisory Committee Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 9am
- Clean Water Advisory Committee Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 11am
- CWAC MS4 Subcommittee Tuesday, July 6, 2021, ~12:30pm
- Executive Committee Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 5:45pm
- CCRPC Board Meeting Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 6:00pm
- Planning Advisory Committee TBD, 2:30pm

Tentative future Board agenda items:

August	No Meeting
September 15, 2021 – Annual Celebration (in person at HULA, Lakeside Ave, Burlington)	Committee Member Appointments (including LRPC) Underhill Town Plan? VPSP2 Status?
October 20, 2021	Board training prior to the Board meeting ECOS Plan Schedule Municipal Dues Equity Summit 2020 Census results?

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(Discussion; 5 minutes)

(Information, 5 minutes)