

# Chittenden County Walk/Bike/Trail Groups and the Regional Active Transportation Plan

March 31, 2022

# Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Overview of Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP)**
- 3. Discussion: Meeting goal 1** — Understand local priorities
- 4. Discussion: Meeting goal 2** — Local project awareness
- 5. Discussion: Meeting goal 3** — Understand needs of local groups
- 6. Discussion: Meeting goal 4** — Make connections and improve collaboration
- 7. Next steps**
  - a. Next steps and timeline for ATP
  - b. Anything else we should know about or discuss in a future meeting?

# Welcome & Introductions

- Who's here today?

# Overview of Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

- Serves as the active transportation element of the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- First ATP completed in 1993, updated every 5 years
- Overview of 2017 plan
- Relationship of ATP to other plans
- Why active transportation? Climate and energy goals, vehicle use, financial impacts, health, access and mobility...
- ATP process guided by Advisory Committee

# Overview of Scope and Schedule

- Advisory Committee meetings: March, June, Aug, Oct
- Public engagement:
  - Listening sessions: April
  - Other outreach ongoing
- Background Materials Review: draft complete
- Analysis: March-June
- Recommendations: August
- Prioritization: October
- Draft/Final Plan: November

# Study Process

Major tasks/deliverables align with committee meetings:

1. Kickoff – introduce project, discuss outreach and equity, audiences. Toole reviewing past materials and plans.
2. Analysis Results - Bicycle Network Analysis, Equity Analysis, Trip Potential Analysis, Unpaved Trail Analysis
3. Recommendations – infrastructure, programs, policies.
4. Prioritization Results – develop framework and scoring system, present recommendations.

# Outreach

- Tools & Techniques:
  - Two Listening sessions in April – suggestions on audiences? Locations?
  - Other opportunities: present at existing public meetings, Old Spokes Home Transportation Equity Coalition as focus group, CCRPC staff meet with groups and individuals...?
- Ask for your help in spreading the word

# Discussion: Meeting goal 1

## Understand local priorities

- What do you think it would take to get more people walking, biking, and rolling in your community?
- What do you think it would take to get more people walking, biking, and rolling in Chittenden County?



# 2017 Vision

*In the future, Chittenden County residents, employees, and visitors of all ages and abilities are safely connected to origins and destinations by a comprehensive active transportation network. Plentiful opportunities for active transportation make for a healthy community throughout Chittenden County. The network connects towns within Chittenden County and connects to the networks of neighboring counties. Active transportation is an important part of people's lives for transportation, recreation, and health. There are economic, environmental, health, and quality of life benefits that affect the entire population, even those who do not walk or bike. Active transportation becomes the default mode of travel in support of the ECOS Plan and its goals.*

# Discussion: Meeting goal 2

## Local project awareness

- Are there projects underway in your community that create opportunities for regional connections that CCRPC and LM might not know about? These could be anywhere from at an aspirational level to already in progress.
- Example: A corridor or open space that has the potential to create a regional connection between communities. You've looked at it and said "if only we could put a trail there..."

# Discussion: Meeting goal 3

## Understand needs of local groups

- What kind of support do you need in order to be successful in your efforts?
- How can Local Motion and CCRPC help?

# Discussion: Meeting goal 4

## Make connections and improve collaboration

- Do you feel that there is enough collaboration and communication between your group/community and others when it comes to walk/bike/trails projects?
- If not, how can we increase collaboration and communication between the groups and communities represented in this meeting?

# Next Steps

- What's next for the ATP
- Anything else we should know about or discuss in a future meeting?