



CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC

Communities Planning Together

Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

9:00 to 10:30 am

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Agenda

1. Call to Order, Attendance (1 min)

2. Consent agenda* (2 min)

3. Minutes of September 6, 2022* (Action Item – 2 min)

See attached minutes.

4. Public Comment Period

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

5. Winooski Traffic Calming Manual (Information Item – 20 min)

Greg Goyette, Stantec, will present findings and a synopsis of the Winooski Traffic Calming Manual and implementation policy. <https://www.winooski.vt.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/6141?fileID=7977>

6. Regional Park and Ride Plan* (Action Item – 15 min)

CCRPC staff will review the memo which includes proposed facilities in the final Regional Park and Ride Plan for TAC consideration and recommendation to the Board. The plan will be posted to the TAC webpage:

<https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/transportation-advisory-committee/>

7. Municipal Roads General Permit Update (Discussion Item – 20 min)

CCRPC staff will present information about the new Municipal Roads General Permit program.

8. 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update* (Discussion Item – 10 min)

CCRPC staff will share an update on the 2023 MTP progress and revised schedule.

9. VPSP2 Update* (Action Item – 10 min)

CCRPC staff will give an update on the Vermont Project Selection and Prioritization Project (VPSP2) bridge project selections and TAC comments to VTrans.

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

See bulleted list at the end of the agenda for current CCRPC projects. TAC members are encouraged to ask staff for more information on the status of any of these ongoing or recently completed projects.

11. CCRPC Board Meeting Report (Information Item – 1 min)

In September the Board adopted the resolution of the 2022 Chittenden County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan, heard updates on the Regional Park and Ride Plan and the Active Transportation Plan, reviewed committee member assignments, heard an update on the Equity Advisory Committee formation, and miscellaneous updates from the Executive Director.

12. Chair/Members' Items (Information Item – 5 min)

- **VTrans 2023 Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Projects** grant program: Application and program guide can be found at: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program>. Electronic applications must be received before 1:00 p.m. October 7. Contact Ross.Gouin@vermont.gov.
- **EV Expo at the REV Conference** October 27 & 28 at the DoubleTree Hilton in South Burlington. Check out new vehicles. Potential opportunity to attend just the EV Expo without having to register for the whole conference. Contact Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco Peggy.O'Neill-Vivanco@uvm.edu.
- **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)** funding may be coming this fall: <https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/mobile-sources/diesel-emissions/vt-diesel-grant>. Contact Leigh Martin at (802) 261-0713 or leigh.martin@vermont.gov.

* = Attachment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Potential Future Agenda Items:

- Title VI and racial equity update
- Traffic calming policies
- Bike lane design guidance
- Bike facility winter maintenance
- Burlington School District travel plans for 9 schools

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Project List:

- Title VI program participation and Public Participation Plan implementation
- Participation in the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance
- Participation in the State's Rail Council
- Advanced Traffic Monitoring System through FHWA AID grant
- Regional Transportation Energy Planning
- Transportation Hazard Mitigation Planning
- ECOS MTP Plan (2023) Update
- Coordination with GMT on ADA and Elders & Persons with Disabilities advisory committees
- Regional Park & Ride Plan
- Active Transportation Plan update
- Chittenden County I-89 2050 Study
- Greenride Bikeshare – *On hold*
- Property Transportation Plan: Reduce transportation emissions in commercial and affordable multi-unit sectors with Burlington Electric Department and Burlington 2030 District
- Richmond Village Sidewalks Scoping Study
- VT15 Corridor Pedestrian and Road System Study (Essex)
- City of Burlington School District School Travel Plan and Traffic Control Plan - *Completed*
- Shelburne Bicycling and Pedestrian Connectivity Study
- Winooski Traffic Calming Policy
- Winooski Parking Inventory, Analysis, and Management Plan
- Kimball Ave Path Feasibility Study for Crossing of Potash Brook (South Burlington) - *Completed*
- Form-Based Code for Williston's Growth Center
- Watershed Resiliency Mapping/Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool (TRPT; Bolton, Richmond, Huntington (and a little bit of Jericho, Essex and Williston)
- Westford Town Green Stormwater Treatment Assessment
- Right-of-Way Condition Inventory for Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility – Phase 3 (Burlington)
- LPM services for Shelburne – Irish Hill Road Sidewalk and Pedestrian Bridge project
- Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) Work
- Grants-In-Aid Coordination with Municipalities
- Staff are working to initiate the FY23 projects



CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee

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Agenda Item 2: Consent Item

Transportation Improvement Program TIP Amendment

Issues:

Make the change listed below to the FY23 year of the TIP. The FY2023-2026 TIP has not yet been approved by FHWA so these changes will apply to both the FY2022-2025 TIP, which remains in effect, and the FY2023-2026 TIP.

Queen City Park Road Sidepath, Burlington (Project BP119, Amendment FY23-01)

Description of TIP Change: Add \$180,000 for preliminary engineering in FY23.

Reason for the Change: This project was awarded a 2022 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program award of \$828,000 to construct a 10-foot-wide path along Queen City Park Road.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the Board approve the proposed TIP Amendment

For more information contact: Christine Forde
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CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 6, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present

Bryan Osborne, Colchester
Matthew Arancio, VTrans
Amy Bell, VTrans
Chris Jolly, FHWA
Bob Henneberger, Seniors
Norm Baldwin, Burlington
Dierdre Holmes, Charlotte
Barbara Elliott, Huntington
Aaron Martin, Essex
Josh Arneson, Richmond
Jon Rauscher, Winooski
Sandy Thibault, CATMA
Tom Dipietro, South Burlington
Jonathon Weber, Local Motion
Joss Besse, Bolton
Adele Gravitz, Shelburne

Kurt Johnson, Underhill
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Wayne Howe, Jericho

Staff

Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Dubin, Senior Transportation Planner
Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer

Guests

Jonathan Slason, RSG
Dave Pelletier, VTrans

1. Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Consent Agenda

There is no consent agenda this month.

3. Approval of August 2, 2022 Minutes

Bruce noted that Tom Dipietro is listed twice, which CCRPC staff will correct. BARBARA ELLIOT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2022, SECONDED BY JONATHON WEBER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comments

No comments from the public.

5. Regional Park and Ride Plan Update

This is identified as an action item in the agenda but this presentation in an update. The TAC will be asked to take action in October. Project consultant Jon Slason, RSG, presented an update on the Regional Park and Ride Plan. He addressed a previous comment about facilities outside of the County and notes these are included in the Plan's Facility Inventory (10 inside county, 4 outside) and are part of plan consideration. There's are some gaps in and around Burlington. Recommended facility attributes include EV charging, transit shelters, wifi, bike lockers, lighting, walk/bike/transit access, and vehicle parking. Jon notes that there is a parking continuum between intercept lots and park and ride lots, and rather than focus on specific definitions instead consider how they function based on surrounding land uses and other factors. Proposed facilities slide include Burlington's South End, South Burlington intercept facility at Exit 14, Colchester (VT 15 and Barnes Ave) and at Exit 17, Charlotte and Shelburne on or near Rt 7, and Richmond/Jonesville.

1 Sam asked if there any existing Park and Ride lots that have reached capacity and need expansion? Jon
2 replied the plan notes that the Exit 11 Park and Ride lot at Richmond is near or at capacity, but that may
3 have changed more recently.

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5 Marshall noted that at Exit 17 the Park and Ride wouldn't be replaced but discussions are in progress with
6 VTrans about a facility at Jasper Mine Rd serving different travelers than the one on Rt 7.

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8 Jonathon Weber noted a Park and Ride sign at Ferry Rd lot in Charlotte, was that a former Park and Ride?
9 Yes likely for the previous Champlain Flyer train. Jonathon asked if it make sense if that and similar lots
10 can function as Park and Ride lots in the system? Jon replied those are low cost opportunities but some
11 may be blocked off, lack security, or have other issues.

12 Dave Pelletier, VTrans, said the Charlotte lot was blocked off due to behavior issues there. He also added
13 to the comment about two Park and Ride lots near Exit 17 and potential transit service, which would serve
14 different audiences.

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16 Josh Arneson said the Richmond Park and Ride was reaching capacity pre-COVID but usage declined
17 during COVID. They've heard residents express desire for better walk/bike access from the village to the
18 Park and Ride, and there are some projects underway to help address the various issues along that
19 corridor. He asked if the Park and Ride shown in Jonesville is on the north side of Rt 2 near southern
20 intersection with Cochran Rd? Marshall said yes, this was identified in the previous Park and Ride plan
21 and the Richmond Transportation Committee expressed interest in studying further. Josh said people
22 wanted to park there for river access but there were some safety concerns that needed improvement before
23 it could be used for river access.

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25 Deirdre from Charlotte has been watching development of the new town garage that could include a new
26 Park and Ride on the former flea market lot. There is a trail there so some parking is available, but to
27 what extent can parking be counted as Park and Ride spots? She also notes the report shows 50 spots for a
28 Park and Ride in Charlotte, does it need to be that size, or can they be multi-purpose parking spots? Jon
29 will work with Dierdre offline to explore possibilities at that location. Eleni asked if this would be a
30 recommendation from Charlotte Energy Committee? In the past the town hasn't been interested in hosting
31 a state Park and Ride but maybe that's changed.

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33 Kurt said Underhill has struggled with the state park and parking on Stevensville Rd and Mountain Rd, on
34 a busy weekend those two lots are full, is there a way to include off street parking, perhaps with existing
35 lots that aren't used during weekends? Jonathan notes that Park and Rides not only serve weekday
36 commuters but the plan should also recognize recreational use of lots on weekends.

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38 To monitor parking behavior over time, there are different data sources that can be tracked and queried
39 over time to help establish relationships, be used in short/long range planning, and to share information
40 with the public. Jon notes that parking demand in Burlington tends to be highest in the County, so people
41 will start looking for parking outside of the core, this type of data can help with planning recommended
42 facilities. He suggested CCRPC be the lead for this effort.

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44 The recommended implementation plan identifies next steps and responsible parties. Jon notes that a
45 potential lot in Taft Corners is being studied as part of Town planning, including a CCRPC project
46 starting in FY23. Jon briefly reviewed list and offered some insights.

47 Jon notes that no action is recommended for potential Park and Ride lot in South Burlington on US 7
48 south of I-189.

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50 Marshall asked for comments from the TAC by September 23 so that they can be addressed in next draft
51 of the plan, for which the TAC will be asked to take action. The presentation is posted on the TAC
52 webpage: <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/transportation-advisory-committee/>
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6. 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Eleni Churchill, CCRPC, noted that the draft MTP documents sent in the TAC packet are very preliminary and will continue to be updated for future TAC consideration, with action expected at their October meeting. Eleni briefly reviewed some of the background and introductory material, updated vision/goals/objectives, and noted the chapter focused on system performance. The Future Transportation Scenarios section includes some of the work completed in the recent I-89 2050 Study and is asking for TAC reaction on using the I-89 study recommendation as the 2023 MTP scenario which includes housing density goal, safety improvements, new Exit 14 interchange, transportation demand management (TDM) investments, and localized capacity improvements.

Adele asked about the goal of increasing telework mode share, which only applies to certain job categories, would this impact the lives of people who have to be physically at their jobs, who are stuck commuting and maybe live further away because of the price of housing, does this inadvertently hurt those people who can't telecommute or have more than one job, does this make their life more complicated? Eleni said we acknowledge that almost 50% of employees need to be present at work, and a smaller percent of the remaining 50% can telework only a few days of the week, so we are taking into account that not everyone can telework all of the time.

Sam asked about the list of items to be explored further, these are aspirational rather than actionable at this point? Eleni said yes.

Christine Forde, CCRPC, then reviewed the draft project list included in the meeting packet and notes that the MTP is fiscally constrained so we'll complete a financial plan. She reviewed the project list and noted that the Front of the Book list identifies projects that are committed and will be included. The Development and Evaluation projects are on the TIP; these are existing projects still under evaluation but haven't moved to the Front of the Book. Other projects on the list have been scoped/studied but are not funded. Projects are grouped by city/town and Christine asked for TAC members to review the list and provide comments.

Chris Jolly asked about the project timeline and public engagement process. Eleni noted the Long Range Planning Committee is also active and providing input. Current phase is mostly internal but the public hearing process to follow will be about six months long and will use different tools to convey information in various ways. Chris noted that other federal land agencies will need to be included in outreach.

7. Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

Bryan Davis, CCRPC, gave a presentation on the update to the Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP), noting several TAC members are part of the project advisory committee. He gave an overview of the four analyses conducted by consultant Toole design including Equity Analysis, Bicycle Network Analysis, Trip Potential Analysis, and Off Road Trail analysis. He described the public engagement process which included listening sessions, an online comment map, informal conversations, and emails with the public. The analyses, combined with public comment and the list of TIP and MTP projects with walk/bike components, were used to create a first draft bicycle network. Comments from the project committee, TAC and public will be used to update the recommended network, and Toole will then break the network into segments, offer facility types for each, and develop a framework to prioritize the recommendations. Since the ATP will be incorporated into the MTP update, the timeline is similar with a final plan expected later this fall, which will come before the TAC.

Adele asked if the analysis included Park and Ride locations? Bryan said yes, as well as transit routes/stops, carsharing locations, and existing walk/bike facilities.

Jonathon asked how specific the final plan will be? Bryan said that Toole will break the network into segments and recommend and prioritize facility types for each segment.

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9. **CCRPC Board Meeting Report**

The Board did not meet in August.

10. **Chair/Members' Items**

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The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

JONATHON WEBER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY SAM ANDERSEN, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:32.

Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis



Chittenden County Transportation Advisory Committee

October 4, 2022

Agenda Item 6: Action Item

Chittenden County Park & Ride Plan Update

Issues: Beginning in 2021, the CCRPC embarked on an update of the Chittenden County Park & Ride Plan. This plan identifies opportunities for improvements to the existing facilities and evaluates the potential for new facilities that will benefit commuters and residents throughout Chittenden County and the adjacent communities.

The Plan created a vision statement for the purpose and function of park & rides, completed an inventory of existing facilities, prioritized a list of park & ride and intercept facilities, and created an implementation plan. The updated Plan incorporates elements from the 2011 Plan using a revised approach to account for the many changes in the demand for park & rides, remote work, and general changes in travel behavior.

A total of ten proposed facilities were identified in the Plan:

Municipality	Facility	Next Steps
Richmond	Jonesville	Feasibility study
Williston	Taft Corners	Implement recommendations from feasibility study
Shelburne	Train Station	Feasibility study
Charlotte	Route 7 Corridor	Feasibility study
Colchester	Exit 17, Jasper Mine Rd	Coordinate with municipality & VTrans
Colchester	VT 15 & Barnes Ave Intercept Facility	Feasibility study contingent on increased VT15 transit
Burlington	South End Multimodal Center	Implement recommendations from feasibility study
South Burlington	US 7 South of I-189 Intercept Facility	Discuss with City officials as necessary
South Burlington	Exit 14 Intercept Facility	Updated scoping study
Essex	VT 117/289	Discuss with Town officials as necessary

At the September CCRPC TAC meeting, nine proposed facilities were identified. However, after a discussion at the CCRPC's September Board meeting, there was interest in evaluating a park & ride facility near the VT 117/289 intersection. After reviewing this with the project team, we concluded that this location is on a major commuter travel shed and would be a suitable site to consolidate commuter trips to large employers. Due to limited outreach with the municipality, we are recommending that future discussion is needed prior to recommending a feasibility study.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the TAC approve the Chittenden County Park & Ride Plan and send to the CCRPC Board for adoption.

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Attachments: Chittenden County Park & Ride Plan Final Report



Transportation Advisory Committee

October 4, 2022

Agenda Item #8: 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

ECOS and 2023 MTP Updated Schedule

Background: The [ECOS Plan](#) includes the region's Regional Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). CCRPC staff planned to keep everything on a unified schedule and adopt all three documents by June 2023. However, there are several issues that are causing us to re-think and propose a revised schedule.

Here is a quick summary of some of the issues we considered:

- Staff resources and competing deadlines.
- The need to better incorporate equity and provide time for the newly forming CCRPC Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) to review all elements of the ECOS Plan.
- The Transportation Equity Framework is to be completed by VTrans in early 2023. It may have some guidance that should be considered in the MTP.
- The CEDS needs to be adopted by the four participating regions by early 2023.
- The MTP needs to be adopted by June 2023.
- The Regional Plan needs to be adopted by June 2026.

Updated Schedule:

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) and the Board reviewed and approved the following staggered schedule for the ECOS Plan:

- Only CEDS and MTP will be moved towards adoption in FY22
- *January to (early) April 2023:* Review of the initial Draft MTP by TAC, LRPC, and EAC
- *March 2023:* Adopt CEDS after LRPC recommendation
- *April 2023:* TAC and LRPC review the Draft MTP
- *April 2023:* Board reviews the Draft MTP and releases the plan for public comment (45 days)
- *June 2023:* TAC and LRPC review and recommend the MTP to the Board for adoption
- *June 2023:* Board adopts MTP
- *Spring 2023 to January 2024:* Review Draft ECOS Plan with updated energy data by all relevant committees
- *June 2024:* Adopt ECOS Plan (includes the adopted MTP and CEDS) – this time could be extended if desired as far out as June 2026

**For more
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Chittenden County Transportation Advisory Committee

October 4, 2022

Agenda Item 9: Action Item

VTrans Statewide Potential Project Lists – Town Highway and State Highway Bridges

Issues:

VPSP2 – VTrans Project Selection and Project Prioritization process – is a performance-based, data driven project selection and prioritization framework that maximizes the transportation value delivered to Vermont taxpayers. Transportation Value is determined using a workbook that scores projects on eight criteria – safety, asset condition, mobility & connectivity, economic access, regional input, health access, environment, and resiliency.

We are currently in Pilot Year 2 of this new process which includes Town Highway Bridges and State Highway Bridges. At the May TAC and Board meetings Transportation Value Scores were approved for 16 projects in these categories. VTrans identified ten projects through their asset management system and CCRPC identified six projects by reviewing the condition of the remaining Chittenden County bridges. The Transportation Value Scores were submitted to VTrans.

The 16 Chittenden County projects were combined with projects from all other RPCs to create Statewide Potential Project Lists for Town Highway Bridges and State Highway Bridges. Projects were sorted by Transportation Value.

From those lists VTrans made recommendations regarding which projects to fund and which projects to reserve for later consideration. VTrans selected one Chittenden County project to advance to the Transportation Capital Program.

VTrans noted that the list of selected bridge projects is shorter than was anticipated when this process started almost a year ago due to inflation and associated financial uncertainty. VTrans will reevaluate the available funding a year from now and likely select additional projects using the same project list and Transportation Value scores.

▸ **Chittenden County Selected Project**

Municipality	Program	Route	Bridge Number	Transportation value
Burlington/ Winooski	Town Highway	US-7/Main Street	150	62

› **Chittenden County Projects for Future Consideration (Regionally Driven Projects Shaded green)**

Municipality	Program	Route	Bridge Number	Transportation value
Williston	Town Highway	Industrial Avenue	17	59
S. Burlington	State Highway	VT-116	31	47
Burlington	Town Highway	Queen City Park Road	2	42
Underhill	State Highway	VT-15	11	40
Westford	Town Highway	Cambridge Road	22	40
Huntington	Town Highway	Main Road	9H	40
Underhill	Town Highway	Pleasant Valley Road	7	39
Shelburne	Town Highway	Bay Road	7	39
Hinesburg	State Highway	VT-116	21	36
Huntington	Town Highway	Main Road	10	36
Hinesburg	Town Highway	Charlotte Road	6	34
Charlotte	Town Highway	Lake Road	27	33
Charlotte	Town Highway	Dorset Street	31	28
Jericho	Town Highway	Macomer Place	38	27
Colchester	Town Highway	Pond Road	14	22

Potential Comments on Statewide Project List

The TAC is being asked to review the project list and provide comments to VTrans. As a starting point for discussion, Staff has drafted the following comments for consideration by the TAC.

CCRPC appreciates the opportunity VTrans has created through VPSP2 to add Regionally Significant projects to the transportation program, and we look forward to working collaboratively with VTrans to advance these projects that we believe will enhance the transportation system in the county.

CCRPC recognizes that there are many transportations needs statewide and funds are limited. We also recognize that not all projects can be funded in this year of the VPSP2. Following review of the Chittenden County projects in the “Later Consideration” category, we would like to offer the following comments:

- › **Queen City Park Road Bridge, Burlington** – This is single lane bridge over the Vermont Railway located on the southern border of Burlington and South Burlington. A scoping study was completed in 2008 that noted numerous structural and functional deficiencies. (<https://studiesandreports.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Queen-City-Park.pdf>) The bridge does not meet current standards for load capacity, bridge railings, or vertical clearance over the railroad. It is a vital connection for GMT’s central maintenance facility and the only viable option if rail operations or maintenance closes Home Ave / Austin Drive. Similarly, it is a vital connection for South Burlington’s emergency services access to Red Rocks Park and the QCPR neighborhood. This single-lane bridge is also a key bicycle and pedestrian access route for two parks that are significant regional destinations -- Red Rocks Park

in South Burlington and Oakledge Park in Burlington. A study was recently completed that evaluated the bicycle and pedestrian connection and developed improvement alternatives (Queen City Park Road – Austin Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections Scoping Study, 2022 -- https://studiesandreports.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/QCP-Austin-Final_24-June-2022.pdf). The study identified the bridge as a significant impediment to safe and comfortable bicycle and pedestrian travel through the corridor. The City of Burlington was awarded a VTrans 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant to construct a separated path along Queen City Park Road between the bridge and Austin Drive. Upgrading this single lane bridge would greatly benefit regional bicycle and pedestrian travel along this corridor for both recreational and transportation destinations.

- **Bay Road Bridge, Shelburne** – A scoping study was completed on this bridge in 2010 that detailed structural and functional deficiencies (Bay Road Bridge Replacement Scoping Study -- https://studiesandreports.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/BayRoad_Final_Scoping_Report_201012.pdf). This bridge is heavily used by people walking, biking, and driving, and it provides access to Shelburne Bay, Shelburne Bay Park, Shelburne Farms, and the Ti Haul Recreation Path. In 2017 a bicycle and pedestrian mobility study was completed that detailed deficiencies in this important corridor (Bay Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Study -- <https://studiesandreports.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-07-31-Bay-Road-Bike-Ped-Mobility-Study-FINAL-REPORT.pdf>). Replacing this bridge would provide numerous benefits for vehicular and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and would improve access to important tourist destination.
- **Bridge 9H on Main Road, Huntington** -- In 2021 a study evaluating Huntington bridges was completed that identified this bridge as having numerous areas of major deterioration and spalling (<https://studiesandreports.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/FINAL-Huntington-Capital-Plan-Report.pdf>). We would like to see this bridge considered for future inclusion in the Town Highway Bridge Program.

**Staff
Recommendation:**

Recommend comments prepared by staff with edits be forwarded to Board for review and recommend submission to VTrans for consideration in the VPSP2 process.

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