

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday, September 6, 2022
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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9 **Members Present**

10 Bryan Osborne, Colchester
11 Matthew Arancio, VTrans
12 Amy Bell, VTrans
13 Chris Jolly, FHWA
14 Bob Henneberger, Seniors
15 Norm Baldwin, Burlington
16 Dierdre Holmes, Charlotte
17 Barbara Elliott, Huntington
18 Aaron Martin, Essex
19 Josh Arneson, Richmond
20 Jon Rauscher, Winooski
21 Sandy Thibault, CATMA
22 Tom Dipietro, South Burlington
23 Jonathon Weber, Local Motion
24 Joss Besse, Bolton
25 Adele Gravitz, Shelburne
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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

28 1. Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
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30 **2. Consent Agenda**

31 There is no consent agenda this month.
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33 **3. Approval of August 2, 2022 Minutes**

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

39 No comments from the public.
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41 **5. Regional Park and Ride Plan Update**

42 This is identified as an action item in the agenda but this presentation in an update. The TAC will be
43 asked to take action in October. Project consultant Jon Slason, RSG, presented an update on the Regional
44 Park and Ride Plan. He addressed a previous comment about facilities outside of the County and notes
45 these are included in the Plan's Facility Inventory (10 inside county, 4 outside) and are part of plan
46 consideration. There's are some gaps in and around Burlington. Recommended facility attributes include
47 EV charging, transit shelters, wifi, bike lockers, lighting, walk/bike/transit access, and vehicle parking.
48 Jon notes that there is a parking continuum between intercept lots and park and ride lots, and rather than
49 focus on specific definitions instead consider how they function based on surrounding land uses and other
50 factors. Proposed facilities slide include Burlington's South End, South Burlington intercept facility at
51 Exit 14, Colchester (VT 15 and Barnes Ave) and at Exit 17, Charlotte and Shelburne on or near Rt 7, and
52 Richmond/Jonesville.
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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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1 **6. 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update**

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

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

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

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

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

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 35 **7. Regional Active Transportation Plan Update**

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

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

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

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4 **8. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

5 See bulleted list at the end of the agenda for current CCRPC projects. TAC members are encouraged to
6 ask staff for more information on the status of any of these on-going or recently completed projects.
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8 **9. CCRPC Board Meeting Report**

9 The Board did not meet in August.

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11 **10. Chair/Members' Items**

- 12 • **VTrans 2023 Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Projects grant program:**
13 Application and program guide can be found at: [http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-](http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program)
14 [Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program](http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program). Electronic applications must be received before
15 1:00 p.m. October 7. Contact Ross.Gouin@vermont.gov.
- 16 • **EV Expo at the REV Conference** October 27 & 28 at the DoubleTree Hilton in South
17 Burlington. Check out new vehicles. Potential opportunity to attend just the EV Expo without
18 having to register for the whole conference. Contact Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco [Peggy.ONEill-](mailto:Peggy.ONEill-Vivanco@uvm.edu)
19 [Vivanco@uvm.edu](mailto:Peggy.ONEill-Vivanco@uvm.edu).
- 20 • **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funding** may be coming this fall:
21 <https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/mobile-sources/diesel-emissions/vt-diesel-grant>. Contact
22 Leigh Martin at (802) 261-0713 or leigh.martin@vermont.gov.
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24 The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

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

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29 Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis