



***Long Range Planning Committee***

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

**7:00 pm**

**Remote Access ONLY Meeting via Zoom**

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**Agenda**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of September 20, 2022 Minutes\***
3. **Review a draft updated timeline\***
4. **Review the DRAFT West Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)\***
  - a. Overview and Process
  - b. Executive Summary and Key Findings
  - c. Goals and Actions
5. **Discuss Updates Regional Enhanced Energy Data & Maps and Updates to ECOS Plan – Supplement 6: Energy Analysis, Targets, and Methodology**
6. **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Note – Pg. 2 of the agenda includes links to the existing 2018 ECOS Plan for reference*

**2018 ECOS Plan Resources for the Long Range Planning Committee:**

- [Summary: 2018 ECOS Plan »](#)  
*This summary document provides a simplified overview of the ECOS Plan, as well as the three main sections updated in 2018: energy, economy, and transportation. Please note that this overview does not reflect the overall content within the Plan, but seeks to summarize some of the main components and updates.*
- [2018 ECOS Plan: Main Document »](#)  
*This main section includes the vision, goals and collective strategies and actions to address the region's concerns, including CCRPC's top 10 actions for the coming five years.*
- [Supplement 1: Process »](#)  
*Process and public engagement.*
- [Supplement 2: Regional Analysis »](#)  
*Regional analysis, culminating in a list of 31 high-priority concerns.*
- [Supplement 3: Regional Plan »](#)  
*Regional Plan, including a description of the maps, planning areas, Act 250/Section 248 role, and compatibility with municipal and surrounding regional plans.*
- [Supplement 4: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy »](#)  
*Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) including a strengths / weaknesses / opportunities / threats analysis and project list of the region's utility and facility needs.*
- [Supplement 5: Metropolitan Transportation Plan »](#)  
*Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) including the 2050 scenario, financial plan and the region's transportation project list.*
- [Supplement 6: Energy Analysis, Targets, & Methodology »](#)  
*Enhanced Energy Planning methodology and data guide.*
- The [ECOS Scorecard](#) is where we house the indicators.
- [Annual Reports](#)
- [ECOS online map](#)

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
2 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - MINUTES  
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4 DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
5 TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
6 PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom with link as published on the agenda  
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**Members Present:**

Eric Vorwald, PAC Rep from Winooski  
Abby Bleything, Board Rep. Alt. from Winooski  
Annie Costandi, CWAC Rep from Essex  
Andrew Watts, Board Rep from Williston  
Bob Henneberger, TAC Rep  
Sandy Thibault, TAC Rep  
Dana Hanley, Board Rep from Charlotte

**Staff:**

Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager  
Taylor Newton, Planning Program Manager  
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner  
Charlie Baker, Executive Director  
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner  
Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Planner  
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer

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9 **1. Welcome and Introductions**

10 Charlie Baker welcomed everyone at 7:02pm.

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12 **2. Approve August 9, 2022 Minutes**

13 Eric Vorwald made a motion, seconded by Andrew Watts to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes. No further  
14 discussion. MOTION PASSED.

15 **3. ECOS Plan Schedule**

16 Charlie reviewed the revised ECOS Plan schedule. He noted staffs concerns regarding the alignment of the plan  
17 adoption with the formation of a new CCRPC Equity Advisory Committee in fall 2022, VTrans' development of  
18 Equity Framework in early 2023, the delay in receiving updated LEAP data from the Department of Public Service  
19 required to update the Regional Energy Plan, and the additional time needed to complete the CEDS. He noted that the  
20 schedule will result in a more phased approach to completing the ECOS Plan with moving forward with adoption of  
21 the CEDS and MTP first (spring and early summer 2023). He stated that the Long-range Planning Committee may  
22 not have to meet every month after this fall.

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24 Eric asked for clarification about the ECOS Plan expiration date. Charlie clarified that the ECOS Plan will not  
25 technically expire until 2026.

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27 The Committee found the revised schedule sound and agreed to recommend it to the Board.

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29 **4. Review the DRAFT Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Project List**

30 Eleni Churchill provided an overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and explained the need to have  
31 the MTP adopted by June 2023.

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33 Introduction Comments:

- 34 1. Eric asked if updates to the Public Participation Plan are required. Eleni said that CCRPC will update the  
35 Public Participation Plan in 2024 and will reference that fact in this section of the MTP.  
36 2. Eric asked for more clarification in how the regional transportation priorities are established. Charlie noted  
37 that the priorities are set by the Region in coordination with the municipalities and VTrans (for Federal  
38 projects) and agreed that this section could clarify that point.  
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40 Vision, Goal and Objectives Comments:

- 41 1. Eric requested that under the Environment and Resilience goal include discussion about VMT reduction.  
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43 Metropolitan Transportation System Comments:

- 44 1. Eric asked about fourth paragraph of the Metropolitan Transportation System section. He asked for  
45 clarification about the date of "today" when talking about the condition of arterial highways and also if we

1 are talking about pavement condition. He further asked about context as to why there has not been substantial  
2 improvement pavement condition between 2018 and 2021. Bob asked that this section reference that  
3 pavement conditions will likely get better in coming years due the influx of Federal funds to the State.

- 4 2. Eric asked if the plan will incorporate discussion about electric bike or electric scooter infrastructure in the  
5 Active Transportation Facilities section. Eleni said she would follow up with Bryan with an answer.
- 6 3. Bob asked if E-bike charging capabilities will be considered within the plan. Eleni said that the plan will  
7 include a recommendation to include all types of charging infrastructure.
- 8 4. Marshall said that he would review the language related to Special Transit Services to ensure that there is no  
9 duplicate language and a clearer distinction between GMT and SSTA services.
- 10 5. Abby stated that there needs to be consistency in titles/keys of each charts and that there should be source  
11 information provided for each chart.
- 12 6. Sandy requested that the plan provide some information explaining how volume to capacity has changed  
13 over time.
- 14 7. Abby asked about the volume to capacity ratio map and why there is a high ratio in the Winooski circulator.  
15 Jason said he will double check the model inputs and Eleni mentioned that the circulator is a difficult facility  
16 to model. Abby requested that the volume to capacity map continue to show the whole county and that there  
17 be smaller inset maps showing particular urban areas.
- 18 8. Dana asked about the last scoping study at the US 7/Falls Road/Harbor Road intersection. Jason stated that a  
19 scoping study was conducted in 2014 and the preferred alternative is now included on the TIP.
- 20 9. Safety – Abby said she didn't see the need of the final two graphs on bike/ped safety
- 21 10. In the Freight Transportation section, Eric asked for a comparison between freight tonnage in Chittenden  
22 County to other regions in Vermont or comparable metropolitan areas. Jason and Marshall will take a look at  
23 that data.
- 24 11. Abby requested that in the transportation climate section that references the 2015 EPA Greenhouse Gas  
25 Emissions inventory should be updated to 2020 dataset. Abby also requested that the public health section  
26 should reference that Vermont has high rates of asthma (4<sup>th</sup> in the country).

#### 27 28 Financial Plan Comments

- 29 1. Eric asked that figures be discussed in billions instead of millions in the Financial Plan.
- 30 2. Sandy asked about future spending allocated to EV charging infrastructure. Eleni clarified funding for that  
31 kind of infrastructure would be part of the total funding available for new transportation infrastructure.

#### 32 33 Scenario Review Comments

- 34 1. Bob mentioned that he really thinks that population projections in the scenarios are low and that Chittenden  
35 County will be higher given climate change. Eleni mentioned that we'll update again in five years so the  
36 RPC can adjust accordingly.

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38 Staff will share a revised version of the MTP with the Committee in October or in November. Will share a Doodle  
39 Poll to find time on October 11.

#### 40 41 **6. Adjourn**

42 The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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44 Respectfully submitted, Taylor Newton

**2023 ECOS Plan Update Schedule - Dated 9/14/2022**

	TAC	Exec. Comm.	PAC	LRPC	EAC	CCRPC Board	Key Items
4-Oct-22	TAC						Revised schedule
11-Oct-22				LRPC			CANCELLED
19-Oct-22						Board	Action on Park & Ride Plan
1-Nov-22	TAC						Review Updated MTP Sections
8-Nov-22				LRPC			Review CEDS Draft #2, Revised Schedule, Discussion on Energy Committee
9-Nov-22			PAC				Review CEDS Draft #2
16-Nov-22						Board	Review CEDS Draft #2
22-Nov-22					EAC		CEDS Draft #2 review
6-Dec-22	TAC						Review Draft MTP
13-Dec-22				LRPC			Continue Review CEDS Draft #2 (if needed); Review MTP
27-Dec-22					EAC		Continue CEDS Draft #2 review
	2023	2023	2023	2023		2023	
3-Jan-23	TAC						Review Active Transp Plan
10-Jan-23				LRPC			HOLD
11-Jan-23			PAC				Review Draft MTP; Recommend CEDS to Board.
18-Jan-23						Board	Review Active Transp Plan; Review MTP; Warn CEDS public hearing;
24-Jan-23					EAC		Review Draft MTP; Recommend CEDS to Board. <b>Start Copyediting for MTP in February after EAC</b>
14-Feb-23				LRPC			HOLD
15-Feb-23						Board	HOLD
28-Feb-23					EAC		Review Draft MTP
8-Mar-23			PAC				Enhanced Energy Plan
14-Mar-23				LRPC			Enhanced Energy Plan
15-Mar-23						Board	<b>Adopt CEDS</b>
28-Mar-23					EAC		Review MTP and recommend for public comment
4-Apr-23	TAC						Review MTP and recommend for public comment
11-Apr-23				LRPC			Review MTP and recommend for public comment; Enhanced Energy Plan
12-Apr-23			PAC				Review MTP and recommend for public comment; Enhanced Energy Plan
19-Apr-23						Board	Warn public hearing on MTP.
25-Apr-23					EAC		Introduction to ECOS Plan; Enhanced Energy Plan
9-May-23				LRPC			Enhanced Energy Plan (Recommend Enhanced Energy Plan to Board)
23-May-23					EAC		Enhanced Energy Plan
21-Jun-23						Board	Official comment on MTP. <b>Adopt MTP.</b>
27-Jun-23					EAC		Recommend Enhanced Energy Plan to Board; ECOS Plan - Social Connectedness/Equity
19-Jul-23						Board	<b>Approve Draft Enhanced Energy Plan</b>
25-Jul-23					EAC		ECOS Plan - Social Connectedness/Equity
8-Aug-23				LRPC			ECOS Plan - Social Connectedness/Equity
9-Aug-23			PAC				ECOS Plan - Social Connectedness/Equity
22-Aug-23					EAC		ECOS Plan - Social Connectedness/Equity
12-Sep-23				LRPC			ECOS Plan - Energy and Climate Change, Transportation, Economy, Infrastructure & Facilities
20-Sep-23						Board	Review ECOS Plan - Social Connectedness/Equity
26-Sep-23					EAC		ECOS Plan - Energy and Climate Change, Transportation, Economy, Infrastructure & Facilities
10-Oct-23				LRPC			ECOS Plan - Working Lands, Rural Landscape & Habitat Protection, Land Use, Housing, Water Quality, Public Health & Safety
18-Oct-23						Board	Review - ECOS Plan - Energy and Climate Change, Transportation, Economy, Infrastructure & Facilities
24-Oct-23					EAC		ECOS Plan - Working Lands, Rural Landscape & Habitat Protection, Land Use, Housing, Water Quality, Public Health & Safety
8-Nov-23			PAC				Begin review of full draft - with emphasis on strategies & actions
14-Nov-23				LRPC			Begin review full final draft.
						Board	Review - ECOS Plan - Working Lands, Rural Landscape & Habitat Protection, Land Use, Housing, Water Quality, Public Health & Safety
<b>TBD - November</b>							<b>ECOS STEERING COMMITTEE EVENT - Friday before Thanksgiving half day OR Friday, Dec 2nd? And host a half-day event with original (and added) ECOS Plan steering committee members. Did 2 page summaries get published at this time? Could we?</b>
29-Nov-23					EAC		Begin review full final draft.
1-Dec-23			PAC				OFF MEETING DATE - Review full final draft and make recommendation to the LRPC.
12-Dec-23				LRPC			Review full final draft. Make recommendation to Board to warn first public hearing.
26-Dec-23					EAC		Review full final draft. Make recommendation to Board to warn first public hearing.
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	
3-Jan-24		EC					Executive Committee reviews final entire draft because Board would have last seen it in November. Have the Exec. Comm. authorize on behalf of the Board the public hearing warning to have enough time for notice.
17-Jan-24						Board	CCRPC Board presentation of entire draft and set first public hearing date. Notice in paper (send 1/17), and draft plan sent to municipalities & other parties, no later than 1/19/2023.
14-Feb-24						Board	First Public Hearing
5-Mar-24	TAC						Review comments and revisions to the ECOS Plan if needed.
6-Mar-24		EC					Review comments and revisions to the ECOS Plan if needed.
12-Mar-24				LRPC			Review comments and revisions to the ECOS Plan if needed.
13-Mar-24			PAC				Review comments and revisions to the ECOS Plan if needed.
26-Mar-24					EAC		Review comments and revisions to the ECOS Plan if needed.
3-Apr-24		EC					If Staff can't get all edits completely finalized by the March Board meeting, we may need the Executive Committee to warn the May public hearing at their April meeting.
15-May-24						Board	CCRPC Board hold second Public Hearing
19-Jun-24						Board	CCRPC Board (with GBIC) Adopt at Annual Meeting

**Notes:**

Regional Plan Adoption Process - Section 4348

Outreach strategy

**Meeting Schedule:**

	TAC	Exec. Comm.	PAC	LRPC	EAC	CCRPC Board
		1st	2nd	2nd		3rd
1st Tues		Wed.	Wed.	Tues.	TBD	Wed.