

## Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

*Tuesday, January 3, 2023* 9:00 to 10:00 am

This is a virtual meeting only.

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# Agenda

### 1. Call to Order, Attendance (1 min)

### 2. Consent agenda\* (2 min)

See attached consent agenda.

3. Minutes of December 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. Active Transportation Plan Draft Final Plan\* (Action Item – 30 min)

CCRPC staff will present the draft final plan and ask the TAC for a recommendation.

### 6. 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.

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

The Board did not meet in December, but some members participated in the Legislative Breakfast held on 12/8. Major topics of discussion included housing, equity, transportation, water and sewer, broadband, regional dispatch, and more housing.

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

- **FY24 UPWP Solicitation:** materials are available on the <u>UPWP webpage</u>. Please note the focus on equity with additional questions this year. Please contact CCRPC staff for more information or assistance.
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\* = Attachment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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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
- Active Transportation Plan update
- Regional Park & Ride Plan Completed
- 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
- VT15 Corridor Pedestrian and Road System Study (Essex)
- Watershed Resiliency Mapping/Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool (TRPT)
- Westford Town Green Stormwater Treatment Assessment On-hold
- 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
- Multi-Modal Transportation Hub for Taft Corners Feasibility Study (Williston)
- Bolton Municipal Paving Evaluation
- Route 116 Crosswalk Scoping (Hinesburg)
- Richmond Gateway Feasibility Study
- Bike/Pedestrian Bridge over I-89 Study (South Burlington)
- Evaluation of Bicycle / Pedestrian Lighting Needs Along Kennedy Drive (South Burlington)
- Multi-site Crosswalk Assessment: Four Intersections for Connectivity (South Burlington)
- Winooski Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
- Colchester Middle Road Culvert Replacement Scoping
- Hollow Road and Levensworth Road Town Bridge Feasibility Study (Hinesburg)
- Jericho Corners to Riverside Path Scoping
- Right-of-Way Condition Inventory for Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility Phase 3 (Burlington)
- Essex Stormwater CCTV Inspection Phase 3
- Essex Phosphorus Control Plan Treatment Practices
- Milton Allen Brook Stormwater/Watershed Assessment
- Shelburne Stormwater Plan Update and Conceptual Designs
- Stormwater Asset Data Update (Williston)

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CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee January 3, 2023 Agenda Item 2: Consent Item

## **Transportation Improvement Program TIP Amendment**

Issues:

Make the changes 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.

**I-89 Northbound Rest Area Preventative Maintenance, Williston** (Project OT052, Amendment FY23-08)

**Description of TIP Change**: Add \$2,700 for design and \$22,500 for construction in FY23 for a preventative maintenance project at the I-89 Northbound Rest Area in Williston. The project will replace the fire alarm system.

**Reason for the Change**: Preventative maintenance is needed on the fire alarm system.

**I-89 Culvert Replacement, Richmond** (Project BR069A, Amendment FY23-09)

**Description of TIP Change**: Transfer \$450,000 of federal funds designated for construction to design and transfer \$25,200 in federal funds to project OT052, I-89 Northbound Rest Area Preventative Maintenance, Williston. The design funds will be used to begin design for replacement of the culvert under the northbound lanes of I-89 in this location.

**Reason for the Change**: The FY23 TIP has \$6,678,000 in federal funds for construction for the southbound culvert. This project is substantially complete, and funds are needed to begin design on the culvert under the northbound lanes of I-89 in this location. Funds are also needed for preventative maintenance project at the I-89 Northbound Rest Area in Williston.

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

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1 2 3 4	CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES			
5	DATE:	Tuesday, December 6, 2022		
6	TIME:	9:00 a.m.		
7	PLACE:	Virtual Meeting via Zoom		
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9	Members Present		Wayne Howe, Jericho	
10	) Bryan Osborne, Colchester		Kurt Johnson, Underhill	
11	Amy Bell, VTrans		Sam Andersen, GBIC	
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13	Chris Jolly, FHWA		Staff	
14	Bob Henneberger, Seniors		Charlie Baker, Executive Director	
15			Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager	
16			Anne Nelson Stoner, Equity & Engagement Manager	
17	Barbara Elliott, Huntington		Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner	
18	Aaron Martin, Essex		Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner	
19	Josh Arneson, Richmond		Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Planner	
20	Adam Wechsler, People with Disability		Chris Dubin, Senior Transportation Planner	
21	Sandy Thibault, CATMA		Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer	
22	22 Bruce Hoar, Williston Sai Sarepalli, Sent		Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer	
23	Jonath	on Weber, Local Motion		
24	Mary A	Anne Michaels, Rail	Guests	
25	Chris I	Damiani, GMT	Chris Bruntlett, Dutch Cycling Embassy	
26	Jon Ra	uscher, Winooski	Deb Sachs, Net Zero Vermont,	
27			Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco, VT Clean Cities Coalition	
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**1.** Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

## 31 2. Consent Agenda

32 It was noted that there is \$41.5 million for phase 1 construction while phase 2 costs are a bit less. The

- total preliminary engineering cost for both phases is the amount in consent agenda.
- 34 SAM ANDERSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY35 JONATHON WEBER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 3637 3. Approval of November 1, 2022 Minutes

BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022,
SECONDED BY JONATHON WEBER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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## 41 4. <u>Public Comments</u>

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## 44 5. <u>Bicycling Lessons from the Netherlands</u>

45 Chris Bruntlett, Dutch Cycling Embassy (<u>https://dutchcycling.nl/</u>), gave a presentation on Dutch cycling

46 principles and best practices in the Netherlands. The Dutch Cycling Embassy (DCE) is a 10-year-old

47 nonprofit, non-governmental organization initiated by the Dutch national government's Ministry of

48 Infrastructure to export knowledge and expertise to other places rather than the government fulfilling

49 requests directly. The DCE is a diverse network of nearly 100 public and private organizations who wish

50 to share their knowledge and expertise to help cities experience the many advantages of cycling. This 51 includes bringing leaders to the Netherlands for both classroom teaching and cycling trips for first-hand

52 experience to better inform decision making related to design, traffic management and more. DCE has

62 experience to better inform decision making related to design, traffic management and more. DCE has
 63 developed many resources including e-books, infographics, videos and more, many available on their

54 website.

2 Dutch people cycle because of the infrastructure, not just because of the flat topography, weather, and 3 culture. Current cycling rates weren't always at this level, it was result of a concerted effort in the 1970s 4 to reclaim cities from the private automobile, around which cities were being developed after World War 5 II. Crisis was a turning point: protest movement by parents in response to rising number of people, 6 including children, being killed; and the spike in fuel prices due to the oil crisis. Both of these forced the 7 public and politicians to reevaluate their streets and build a more resilient transportation system. Cities 8 tried different things, learned from their failures and created the 1979 Delft Cycle Plan, which was 9 completed in 1987. Think at the network level rather than focusing on a single route. Three different 10 networks of varying grid sizes were planned with specific journey type, length and user in mind. Lessons 11 learned informed the CROW Manual network design principles of directness, safety, comfort, cohesion, 12 and attractiveness. A network is only as good as its weakest link, which is often at intersections. Also, 13 every mobility plan needs a car plan: effective traffic circulation (reducing volume and access), hierarchy 14 of roads (local and through traffic), and "filtered permeability" to restrict car access while allowing 15 pedestrians and cyclists to enter. There's a need to combine bikes and public transport through 16 infrastructure access and bike parking. Half of all train trips in the Netherlands start with a bike ride. E-17 bikes have helped extend the cycling range, allow for longer trips, and attract different types of people to 18 cycling. Next generation of infrastructure is cycle superhighways that are wide, well-lit and smooth "fast 19 cycling routes" that connect cities with cyclists having priority of vehicles at intersections. Education is 20 key and is included as part of the school curriculum for 10- and 11-year-olds. These efforts have resulted 21 in significant data points such as: 65-75 age group cycle more than any other age demographic, women 22 have higher more share than men (28% vs 26%), and teenagers cycle for nearly 60% of all journeys. This 23 started as traffic safety crisis and the Netherlands now has the safest streets in the world. It's also about 24 extending lives: rate of obesity has been reversed in the Netherlands due to rates of cycling and saves 25 health care system \$19 billion Euros per year (3% of gross domestic product) simply by investing a few 26 hundred million. This isn't a win-lose scenario, improvements to cycling infrastructure also benefit 27 drivers in safety and reduced congestion. Consider what kind of future you want and then work to create 28 it. 29

Jonathon noted the approach here is starting with painted infrastructure and working towards protected
 facilities, was the process the same in the Netherlands? Chris said that was more or less the case and also
 included traffic calming. Speed and volume of vehicles has to be limited so that cars don't continue to
 dominate. Protected infrastructure is challenging because of long term planning, political will and more.

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Sam pointed out the link between cycling and transit, specifically trains. Did the transit system already exist or was it enhanced in tandem with cycling? Chris said the transit network has historically been present but in recent years the company has made investments to improve and increase transit and has seen ridership nearly double as a result. He noted they're working with places in the US like Austin, TX to help develop different types of transit systems to support multimodal networks. In rural areas of the Netherlands there are dozens of bike racks at bus stops, and buses run on 10-minute intervals. These serve more remote areas and feed into urban rail systems.

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43 Sandy said that CATMA recently hosted their inaugural transportation summit with a second one being44 planned so will be in touch about Chris participating in that event.

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46 Norm said that the safety data is noteworthy and asked about how cities in Netherlands are handling
 47 requirements of emergency departments like fire and police in the US. Chris said that decision-making

47 requirements of emergency departments fike file and police in the US. Chirls said that decision-making48 includes all stakeholders including emergency staff and follows a systems-based approach so that all

49 facets are considered. They put emergency staff from US cities in touch with counterparts in the

50 Netherlands so they can talk through concerns and understand potential solutions. This can also include

50 Reneration so they can tak through concerns and understand potential solutions. This trips to those places to experience infrastructure firsthand.

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53 Deirdre pointed out that the design of Dutch bikes tends to be more utilitarian whereas in the US it's more 54 recreation oriented. You can wear regular clothes, and carry goods and kids on Dutch bikes, which can be barriers to cycling here. The culture of having the bike as the go-to vehicle also encourages use. Chris

- 2 said the US market for Dutch-style bikes still isn't there but that is changing as more people use cargo 3 bikes and e-bikes. The demand is there but the retail industry needs to catch up, as do the politicians to
- 4 make the infrastructure happen.
- 5 6 7 Jonathon is pleased that most e-bikes being sold in the US are more upright and include racks so they tend to be more utilitarian. He asked for clarification of the road classification hierarchy from the presentation. 8 Chris said that US roads try to be everything for everyone, but the Dutch have tried to create networks for 9 different uses to make them more efficient by using generally two types of roads: local access streets 10 ("stay" streets) and distributor streets ("move" streets).
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12 Charlie asked if there was land use policies that accompanied these changes? Chris said that the Dutch 13 didn't really separate uses so didn't have to overcome that issue, except in a few places as a result of the 14 war. It comes down to proximity and that short journeys are possible if destinations like schools and 15 shopping are within appropriate distance.

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#### 17 6. Walk to Shop Project Update

18 Deb Sachs, Net Zero Vermont, and Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco, VT Clean Cities Coalition, gave an update 19 on their Closing the Mobility Equity Gap through the Walk to Shop Trolley Project which provides 20 education, outreach, and support for using shopping trolleys as a transportation demand management 21 measure. This project was inspired at Walk21 conference in Rotterdam to address the issue of how to 22 carry things when we walk, to encourage more people to walk by offering trolleys, as well as reduce the 23 number of short trips made by vehicle. Deb noted that 90% of Burlington residents are within a 15-minute 24 walk of groceries. This also addresses food justice communities; in Winooski, for example, there is no 25 large grocery store and access to those in other communities is challenging using non-auto modes. 26 Trolleys can also help address the issue of abandoned shopping carts which are big and heavy. There are 27 different trolley sizes available that can be used for different needs and purposes. The project is meeting 28 or exceeding their proposed metrics, and interest continues to grow. Outreach uses an equity lens and 29 includes organizations, towns, and groups that serve diverse populations. Trolleys can provide people 30 with dignity and transcend race, income, age and more, in addition to complementing transit use.

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32 Jonathon asked what's next for the program. Peggy said they received a state MTI grant to support work 33 outside of Chittenden County, and they're even starting to do work outside of Vermont. Deb thanked 34 CCRPC's program support which has given them a great start to expand their work. Partner organizations 35 are interested in making trolleys available to their populations. Peggy added that using trolleys has 36 reduced the number of short auto trips and vehicle miles travelled.

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38 Sam asked if they still have low-cost trolleys because she knows of organizations that work with BIPOC 39 communities and could benefit from this program. Deb encouraged them to reach out to her. The trolleys 40 retail for between \$90 to \$130 but they can sell for their true cost of about \$40 for medium size and \$50 41 for large. By leveraging corporate donations they can bring the costs down to as low as \$10. https://www.netzerovt.org/walk-to-shop/

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#### 44 7. 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

45 Eleni Churchill, CCRPC, shared an update on the 2023 MTP progress and revised schedule. The draft

46 was included in the agenda packet and now includes the land use chapter. There is also more information

- 47 about the MTP system and system performance. Staff will be working on the performance management
- 48 section in the coming weeks. The financial plan is complete, which Christine presented in November.
- 49 Future land use is also a new chapter. Jason previously presented the results of the transportation
- 50 scenarios but we'll talk about them again as we move forward. The MTP investment, policies, and
- 51 projects chapter has been improved but is still a work in progress. We'll be meeting with state agencies,
- 52 resource agencies, environmental partners and others in January and February to update the
- 53 environmental consultation and mitigation chapter.

A change from the 2018 MTP in the current version is that the future land use will be updated to include transit-oriented development overlay district to the land use map to encourage municipalities to increase development in those areas that include existing transit service. The MTP will also include major policy shifts including how to pay for future transportation system. We also need a substantial shift in how we get around, including transportation demand management.

Please give us any comments and we're happy to answer any questions. We'll need more specificity on
the shift to electric vehicles. Next steps include sharing a full draft with the TAC in January. We'll also
review it with the Equity Advisory Committee, then bring the draft MTP back to the TAC for a public
hearing in April.

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Sam asked if the new Exit 14 interchange is still being studied? Eleni said the I-89 Study included a
diverging diamond interchange as the preferred alternative at that location but this was a plan-level effort
and a scoping study is still needed, which will being in 2023. Sam asked that this be clarified as
"improvements needed" rather than specifying a design at this point.

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## 18 8. <u>Active Transportation Plan Draft Final Plan Update</u>

19 Bryan Davis, CCRPC, provided a brief update on the draft final plan, which the consultant recently

20 provided. He will provide a full overview of the draft plan in January and ask the TAC for a

21 recommendation to the Board. The draft plan and supporting memos are available at:

22 <u>https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/regional-bikeped-plan/</u>

## 24 9. <u>Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports</u>

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 ask staff for more information on the status of any of these ongoing or recently completed projects.

## 28 10. <u>CCRPC Board Meeting Report</u>

In November the Board voted to accept the FY22 CCRPC audit report, approved TIP amendments, heard
an update on the National EV Infrastructure Plan from VTrans staff, heard an update on and approved the
Comprehensive Economic Development Plan draft and regional priority project list, heard an update on
equity work from Equity and Engagement Manager Anne Nelson Stoner and approved member
appointments to the new Equity Advisory Committee, and heard Executive Director updates on 12/8
Legislative Breakfast priorities and other items.

## 36 11. <u>Chair/Members' Items</u>

- FY24 UPWP Solicitation: materials are available on the UPWP webpage. Please note the focus
   on equity with additional questions this year. Please contact CCRPC staff for more information or
   assistance
- VTrans 2023 Transportation Alternatives grant program: projects must relate directly to surface transportation; note that 50% of grant program funds are reserved for environmental mitigation projects relating to stormwater and highways, including eligible salt and sand shed projects. Virtual informational workshop will be held on November 16 and applications are due by e-mail (preferred) to <u>Scott.robertson@vermont.gov</u> by December 14, 2022. More information: <u>http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt</u>
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## Chittenden County Transportation Advisory Committee January 3, 2023 Agenda Item 5: Action Item

#### **Chittenden County Regional Active Transportation Plan Update**

Issues: In FY22 the CCRPC contracted with consultant Toole Design to update the 2017 Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP serves as the active transportation element of the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The first ATP was completed in 1993 and is generally updated every 5 years.

As part of the 2022 update, Toole Design completed four analyses (equity, bicycle network, trip potential, unpaved trails), the results of which have been combined with public input and walk/bike projects on the TIP and MTP to create the recommended countywide active transportation network. To facilitate project prioritization and implementation, the project team divided the network into distinct projects and used a project prioritization process based on a common set of criteria that stakeholders agreed upon. To complement the network/engineering recommendations, the consultant team developed a comprehensive set of program and policy recommendations that address the opportunities and needs identified through prior tasks.

The draft final plan is an overarching narrative that describes the purpose and need for the plan update, the planning process, recommendations, and desired outcomes. Rather than including detailed information about the planning process and analyses in the plan itself, it references and links to separate technical memos which describe the data sources, analyses and outcomes for each aspect of the plan development. All documents are available on the <u>ATP website</u>.

Note that the projects in the recommended network overlap with many of the high priority corridors identified in the 2017 Regional Active Transportation Plan, further highlighting the need for active transportation upgrades on these roadway corridors. Existing off-street shared-use paths and trails were also included in the 2022 Plan network to highlight the high-comfort connectivity that will be achieved once the network is implemented.

Staff Recommendation:	Recommend that the TAC approve the Chittenden County Regional Active Transportation Plan and send to the CCRPC Board for adoption.
For more information contact:	Bryan Davis <u>bdavis@ccrpcvt.org</u>
Plan and Memos:	Chittenden County Regional Active Transportation Plan webpage