CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC
Communities Planning Together

Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
9:00 to 10:30 am

This will be a virtual meeting:
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Agenda

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

2. **Consent agenda (2 min)**
Please see the attached memo.

3. **Minutes of July 11, 2023* (Action Item – 2 min)**
No TAC meeting in August.

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. **Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool (TRPT) (Information Item – 25 min)**
Pam Brangan, CCRPC, will provide a brief overview of the tool and Amanda Clayton, Colchester, will share how the Town intends to use the TRPT tool as part of their resiliency planning. TRPT website: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/transportation-resilience

6. **Results of Active Transportation Survey (Information Item – 45 min)**
Jonathon Weber, Local Motion, will share the results of the Chittenden County Active Transportation survey, commissioned with support from CCRPC. This was a statistically representative survey of Chittenden County residents' current transportation behaviors and attitudes towards future transportation preferences. All of the data, analysis, and reports can be accessed via the link at the top of this page.

7. **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.

8. **CCRPC Board Meeting Report (Information Item – 1 min)**
In July the Board held a public hearing on the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and voted to approve the TIP. The Board also voted to approve certification of the planning process, as well as to revise the FY24 CCRPC budget. The Board heard an update on the ECOS Plan schedule, received an introduction on Economic Development Districts and had a brief discussion on the implications of creating one in our region. The Board received an update on legislative priorities, equity work, and Director's updates. The Board did not meet in August.

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9. **Chair/Members' Items (Information Item – 5 min)**
   - **VTrans Mobility and Transportation Innovation (MTI) Grant Program:** The program is designed to support innovative strategies and projects that improve mobility and access to services for transit-dependent Vermonters, reduce the use of single-occupancy vehicles, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The grant applications are open to municipalities, local or regional planning agencies, transit agencies, school districts or schools, non-profit organizations, and citizen groups focused on providing public transportation resources. The application and more details at https://vtrans.vermont.gov/public-transit/mti. **Application deadline is September 8, 4:30 p.m.** Contact Dan Currier, 802-279-5236, Dan.J.Currier@vermont.gov.
   - **Model Bicycle Parking Ordinance:** Local Motion prepared this model bike parking ordinance for communities to use as the basis for developing their own local policy. The model is based on an extensive review of existing ordinances and grounded in best practices. All of the associated graphics are available and free for any non-commercial use. Including these directly in an ordinance is a good way to prevent non-conforming racks and non-compliant setbacks. For questions and assistance, contact Susan at susan@localmotion.org with questions.
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     - Sign up: Non-state staff sign up through our new registration page. State/municipal staff: SOV LINC (look at the events calendar for the "Rivers and Roads Tier II).
     - Contact Staci Pomeroy, staci.pomeroy@vermont.gov, 802-490-6191.

* = Attachment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – In Person?

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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 – *Completed*
- Regional Transportation Energy Planning
- Transportation Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Coordination with GMT on ADA and Elders & Persons with Disabilities advisory committees
- Property Transportation Plan: Reduce transportation emissions in commercial and affordable multi-unit sectors with Burlington Electric Department and Burlington 2030 District – *Phase 2 Completed*
- Milton Downtown Core Master Planning
- Burlington South End Multimodal Facility and TOD Scoping Study
- Northwest VT Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Project - RAISE Grant
- South Burlington Traffic Overlay District Replacement
- Burlington Impact Fee Study – Revision & Expansion
- Class 1 Pilot Study – US2 in Williston
- Bike/Pedestrian Bridge over I-89 Connections Study (South Burlington)
- Winooski Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
- Intermodal connections for the Burlington Amtrak service
- Jericho Corners to Riverside Path Scoping
- Lafountain and Dion Street Scoping Study (Winooski)
- Battery Street Corridor Study (Burlington)
- Richmond Gateway Feasibility Study
- South Burlington City Center Modelling
- Colchester Middle Road Culvert Replacement Scoping – *Completed*
- Route 116 Crosswalk Scoping (Hinesburg) – *Completed*
- Hollow Road and Levensworth Road Town Bridge Feasibility Study (Hinesburg) – *Completed*
- Evaluation of Bicycle / Pedestrian Lighting Needs Along Kennedy Drive (South Burlington) – *Completed*
- Multi-site Crosswalk Assessment: Four Intersections for Connectivity (South Burlington) – *Completed*
- Multi-Modal Transportation Hub for Taft Corners Feasibility Study (Williston) – *Completed*
- MPM services for Shelburne – Irish Hill Road Sidewalk and Pedestrian Bridge project
- MPM services for Jericho – Riverside Village Sidewalk project
- Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) Work
- Grants-In-Aid Coordination with Municipalities
- Watershed Resiliency Mapping/Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool (TRPT)
- Westford Town Green Stormwater Treatment Assessment – *Completed*
- Right-of-Way Condition Inventory for Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility – Phase 3 (Burlington)
- Essex Stormwater CCTV Inspection - Phase 3
- Essex Phosphorus Control Plan Treatment Practices – *Completed*
- Milton Allen Brook Stormwater/Watershed Assessment – *Completed*
- Shelburne Stormwater Plan Update and Conceptual Design – *on hold*
- Stormwater Asset Data Update (Williston) – *Completed*

Note: CCRPC Staff are working with municipalities and selected consultants to initiate the FY24 Projects (https://www.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Adopted_FY24_UPWP_20230517.pdf)

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CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee
September 5, 2023
Agenda Item 2: Consent Item

Transportation Improvement Program TIP Amendment

Issues: Make the changes detailed below to the FY24-27 TIP, which has not yet been approved by FHWA, and the FY22-25 TIP, which remains in effect.

Reconnecting Downtown Burlington (Amendment FY24-01, Project HC018)

- **Description of TIP Change**: Add the federal funding amounts listed below in FY24, FY25, FY26, and FY27. This project is funded with a federal earmark and is not subject to CCRPC's fiscal constraint limit.

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
PE (includes Workforce Development)	$1,988,600	$1,438,600	$505,100	$351,700
ROW	$122,000	$233,000		
Construction		$2,883,000	$8,872,500	$5,989,500
Total	$2,110,600	$4,554,600	$9,377,600	$6,341,200

- **Reason for Change**: Burlington was awarded a RAISE grant ($22,384,000) to fund design and construction activities to rebuild Bank Street, Cherry Street, and sections of Pine Street and St. Paul Street. The project includes workforce development activities.

Church Street Side Streets – Cherry Street, Burlington (Amendment FY24-02, Project HP169)

- **Description of TIP Change**: Modify the TIP as shown below. These changes will apply to both the FY24-27 TIP, which has not yet been submitted to FHWA, and the FY22-25 TIP which remains in effect. This project is funded with a federal earmark and is not subject to CCRPC's fiscal constraint limit.

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
PE	$440,000	$264,000	$88,000	$88,000
ROW	$100,000	$100,000		
Construction		$2,184,000	$5,460,000	$3,276,000
Total	$540,000	$2,548,000	$5,548,000	$3,364,000

- **Reason for Change**: Burlington was awarded $12 million in Congressionally Directed Funding for improvements to Cherry Street.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the TAC approve the proposed TIP Amendments

For more information contact: Christine Forde
cforde@ccrpcvt.org *or* 846-4490 ext. 113

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 11, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present
Matthew Arancio, VTrans
Jacqui DeMent, FHWA
Joe Segale, Huntington
Dayton Crites, Burlington
Deirdre Holmes, Charlotte
Jonathon Weber, Local Motion
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Adam Lawrence, SSTA
Kurt Johnson, Underhill
Sandy Thibault, CATMA
Chris Yuen, Essex Junction
Lisa Schaeffler, Milton

Staff
Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Taylor Newton, Planning Program Manager
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer

Guests
Katharine Otto, VTrans

1. Bryan Davis called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. Consent Agenda
No consent agenda this month.

3. Approval of June 6, 2023 Minutes
KURT JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2023, SECONDED BY SAM ANDERSEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comments
No comments from the public.

5. Consultant Selection – Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Services
Taylor Newton, CCRPC, reviewed the process to pre-qualify 8 firms to conduct Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Consultant Services for a range of projects, including the Transit-Oriented Development Plan for Northwest Vermont RAISE Grant and other land use projects, as described in the agenda item memo. Sam asked if these firms have done this kind of work in the past? Taylor replied yes, we have experience working with them or they provided examples of this type of experience. Firms range in size from single employee to national firms.

SAM ANDERSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SELECTED CONSULTANTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR LAND USE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION SERVICES FOR FY24-FY25, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS TO FY26 AND FY27. MOTION SECONDED BY JONATHON WEBER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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7. CCRPC Board Meeting Report

In June the Board gathered for their annual meeting and warned a public hearing for the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program at the July 19 Board meeting, voted to approve the slate of officers for FY24, voted to approve the FY24 meeting calendar, and approved resolutions recognizing years of service of staff and Board members.

8. Chair/Members' Items

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- **Highway Safety Improvement Program Small Scale Grants:** The state has initiated a new Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant-for small scale projects on TOWN roads. Funding for these grants will be 100% from the State and is to cover construction only (from $5,000-$35,000). **Applications are due June 16**. Find more info here and here.
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- **Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program funding:** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FHWA Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program is now available for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 in the amount of $111.85 million. The program helps carry out projects by certain Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments, including municipalities, counties, and others that reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. **Deadline for applications is 11:59 PM EST on August 1**. Grant applications must be submitted through Grants.gov. Please check the webpage for future webinars and more information. Contact: wildlifecrossings@dot.gov.
- **2023 Clean School Bus Grant Program**: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Clean School Bus Grant Program includes two sub-programs, one for school district and Tribal applicants (School District Sub-program) and one for third-party applicants (Third-Party Sub-program). EPA is providing two separate competitions under this single NOFO to address the unique needs and concerns of diverse recipients and encourage participation in the CSB grants program. EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, rural areas, Tribal school districts funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and public school districts receiving basic support payments for students living on Tribal land, and rural areas. In addition, EPA is committed to ensuring the CSB Program delivers on the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. **Grant applications submitted to Grants.gov by Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:59PM ET.**

Bryan noted these other programs:

- The USDOT released the NOFO for the for the **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program**, which combines the two major discretionary grant opportunities: The Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) and Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Programs. The RCN Program will provide up to $3.16 billion for planning activities and capital construction projects that:

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    - Prioritize disadvantaged communities,
    - Aim to improve access to daily destinations such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, and recreation,
    - Foster equitable development and restoration, and
    - Reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, mitigating, or replacing highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.
- **Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)**: BGS is now accepting applications for Building Energy Resilience Assessments. Assessments will recommend energy efficiency and resilience improvements in municipal buildings, such as weatherization, thermal envelope improvements, HVAC upgrades, and are a necessary step in the process of applying for the MERP Implementation Grants of up to $500,000. Visit our program webpage to learn more and apply. Cities, towns, fire districts, and incorporated villages may request assessments for multiple buildings in priority order in their application. Please review the information document comparing the assessment types. Contact Ann Janda (ajanda@ccrpcvt.org) with any questions.

The TAC will not meet in August. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5.

SAM ANDERSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY JONATHON WEBER, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11.

Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis

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