CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC
Communities Planning Together

Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, August 6, 2024
9:00 to 10:00 am

This will be a virtual meeting:
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Agenda

1. **Call to Order, Attendance**

2. **Consent agenda (0 min)**
None this month.

3. **Minutes of June 4, 2024* (Action Item – 2 min)**
Please see attached draft 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. **Welcome New Members (Information Item – 5 min)**
At the June meeting Phillip Peterson from Burlington volunteered to be the new TAC Chair – thank you! We also welcome Holly Francis as the new Environmental Community representative and Norm Baldwin as the Colchester representative.

6. **Open Meeting Law Update (Information Item – 10 min)**
CCRPC staff will provide an update on Vermont's Open Meeting Law passed by the Vermont Legislature and implications for the CCRPC Board and committees.

7. **Regional Safety Action Plan Consultant Selection* (Action Item – 10 min)**
As part of its responsibilities, the TAC approves consultant recommendations for various projects. As described in the attached memo, the TAC is being asked to approve VHB for Burlington's Regional Safety Action Plan.

8. **TAC Bylaw Update* (Discussion Item – 10 min)**
The CCRPC Board Development Committee will recommend organizational bylaw updates to the Board. This will include potential updates to the TAC bylaws. Please see the attached memo for suggested bylaw edits from staff.

9. **FY25 REI Concept Plan – Solicitation (Information Item – 10 min)**
The CCRPC is pleased to announce that the annual Road Erosion Inventory (REI) Conceptual Plans and Cost Estimates project is now on a first come, first served basis. Watershed Consulting Associates has been awarded this $20,000

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project. Plans usually consist of a few MRGP-related segments that need upgrades and usually range from $2,000 - $5,000. An example plan set will be shown.

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 June the Board held their annual meeting and voted to approve resolutions recognizing members and staff with significant years of service. They also voted to approve officers and next year's meeting schedule and heard other miscellaneous updates.
In July the Board heard an organizational financial update, was given a presentation on and discussed Act 250 changes as a result of legislative action taken this session on Act 181/H. 687, heard an update on the ECOS Plan development and public outreach, and heard other miscellaneous Director updates.

12. Chair/Members' Items (Information Item – 2 min)

- **VTrans Park and Ride Grant Program** is soliciting proposals for the improvements of small municipally owned and maintained Park and Ride Facilities. The proposed facility must be located on Municipal, State, or leased property on or near a State Highway, available to commuters daily year-round, provide parking for a minimum of ten vehicles, and will be owned and maintained by the local municipality. Grant funding is available for engineering and construction activities only. The legislature funded the 2025 Municipal Park and Ride Grant Program with $150,000.00. **Applications must be received by August 20**. Application and information online at https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/parkandrides. If you have any questions, contact Tina.Bohl@vermont.gov or 802-793-1743.
- **Building Communities Grants program**, administered by the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS), is now accepting applications. Grants up to $25,000 support construction and capital improvements to strengthen Vermont towns and regions. All grants require matching funds and community-supported fundraising efforts are encouraged. **Application deadline is September 10**. Details and applications are available at bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants.
- **Three-Acre Permit** site funding: Vermont's Clean Water Act requires all 3-acre sites to obtain the Three-Acre Permit to capture and treat the stormwater that runs off these surfaces. A "three-acre site" is an impervious surface of three or more acres that:
    - has never had an operational stormwater permit, or
    - was permitted to standards in place prior to the 2002 Stormwater Management Manual

  A grant of up to $49,000 is available per site, which includes up to $19,999 for permit application and review costs and up to $30,000 for engineering costs. **Funding is expected to be fully allocated by September 1** so apply now if your municipality wants assistance with design and permitting costs. If you already applied for Three-Acre Permit coverage (i.e., Full Notice of Intent submittal), you can be reimbursed for costs incurred following Three-Acre Permit obtainment/authorization, if all work occurred on/after March 3, 2021.
  3-acre sites that have been integrated into a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit phosphorus reduction target are no longer subject to the Three-Acre Permit standards or timeline and are ineligible to receive this grant. For more information and to apply, visit http://tinyurl.com/VTPOA.
- **VTrans Mobility and Transportation Innovation Grant Program** supports 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. In addition to funds from the Transportation Bill, this year's program includes additional funding from the federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to

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specifically support the expansion of travel demand management projects that encourage less carbon-intensive means of travel. **Applications due September 16** at 4:30 pm, more information available at https://vtrans.vermont.gov/public-transit/mti.

- **FHWA Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program** to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk costal infrastructure. $1.4 billion in contract authority over five years (FY22 – FY26). https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/
- The **Northern Border Regional Commission** has announced availability of $50M in **2024 Catalyst Program** funding for infrastructure (awards up to 1M) and non-infrastructure (awards up to $500,000). Infrastructure broad categories of transportation, basic public infrastructure, telecommunications, and energy. **Pre-application due September 6**. https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst and program overview
- **USDOT Funding Resources/Opportunities:**
    - USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, applications due August 29, final round for Planning and Demonstration Grants. This round includes leftover funds from FY23 so this is a good opportunity for new applicants. https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A
    - USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard (https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard) provides an overview of discretionary grant opportunities The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of DOT that may be of particular interest to rural communities.
    - DOT Navigator https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator
    - Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) https://www.transportation.gov/rural
    - Reconnecting Communities – USDOT released the 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2026. A total of $607 million will be awarded under this NOFO. This program was created to help reconnect communities previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. https://www.transportation.gov/reconnecting
- **Vermont Local Roads** has resources and learning/training opportunities throughout the year: https://localroads.vermont.gov/.

* = Attachment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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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
- Regional Transportation Energy Planning
- Regional Travel Demand Model On-Call Assistance
- Regional Transportation Options/TDM Plan
- Northwest VT Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Project – RAISE Grant
- I-89 Corridor Monitoring Committee
- Exit 14 Supplemental Scoping Study
- Chittenden County Transportation Survey
- Transportation Sustainability Assessment Tool and Data Dashboard
- Transportation Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Coordination with GMT on ADA and Older Adults & Persons with Disabilities advisory committees
- Milton Downtown Core Master Planning
- Milton Active Transportation Plan
- Essex - Lower Sand Hill Road Truck Traffic Study
- Essex Active Transportation Plan
- Pearl Street Multimodal Improvements Scoping Study (Essex Junction)
- Hinesburg - Route 116 Crosswalk Improvements – Phase 2
- Shelburne Road Crossing Study (South Burlington)
- Patchen Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Study (South Burlington)
- Webster Road Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure Supplemental Scoping Study (Shelburne)
- Updated Williston Road (US2) Multimodal Scoping Study (Williston)
- Regional Transit Signal Priority Study (GMT and VTrans)
- US2/Clay Point Road Scoping Study (Colchester and VTrans)
- Burlington Main Street Scoping Study (Burlington and South Burlington)
- East Lakeshore Drive Stormwater and Pedestrian Infrastructure Scoping Project (Colchester)
- Checkerberry Sidewalk Infill Scoping Study (Milton)
- South Brownell & Marshall Ave Intersection Scoping Study (Williston)
- planBTV: New North End (Burlington)
- PlanBTV Walk Bike Safety Action Plan (Burlington)
- Burlington South End Multimodal Facility and TOD Study
- Burlington Impact Fee Study – Revision & Expansion
- Burlington Property Transportation Plans
- Universal Access to and within Burlington Parks
- Battery Street Corridor Study (Burlington)
- Shelburne St / Home Ave Intersection Scoping (Burlington)
- Northern Waterfront Connectivity (Burlington)
- Cottage Grove, Stanbury Road, and Green Acres Drive Sidewalk Scoping (Burlington)
- VT 127 Shared Use Path Scoping & Feasibility Study (Burlington)
- Public Outreach Study to Determine Transportation & Parking Needs (Charlotte)
- Reimagining and Enabling Charlotte's East and West Villages
- Bike/Pedestrian Bridge over I-89 Connections Study (South Burlington)

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- South Burlington City Center Parking Management Implementation Plan – Phase 2
- South Burlington Traffic Overlay District Replacement
- South Burlington Active Transportation Plan
- South Burlington City Center Modelling
- Underhill Center Active Transportation Scoping Study
- Lafountain and Dion Street Scoping Study (Winooski)
- Intermodal connections for the Burlington Amtrak service
- Richmond Gateway Feasibility Study
- Cochran Road Scoping and Feasibility Study (Richmond)
- MPM services for Shelburne – Irish Hill Road Sidewalk and Pedestrian Bridge project
- MPM services for Jericho – Riverside Village Sidewalk project
- MPM services for Richmond – Bridge Street Sidewalk project
- Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) Work
- Grants-In-Aid Coordination with Municipalities
- Watershed Resiliency Mapping/Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool (TRPT)
- Right-of-Way Condition Inventory for Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility – Phase 3 (Burlington)
- Right-of-Way Condition Inventory for Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility – Phase 4 (Burlington)
- Essex Stormwater CCTV Inspection – Phase 3
- Essex Stormwater CCTV Inspection – Phase 4
- Essex Junction Stormwater CCTV Inspection – Phase 3
- Inspection and Inventory of Existing Stormwater System in Winooski (Phase 2)
- Inspection and Inventory of Existing Stormwater System in Winooski (Phase 1C)
- Route 116, Patrick Brook Culvert Assessment (Hinesburg)
- South Burlington Culvert Assessment
- Williston Stormwater Pipe CCTV Inspection Phase 1
- Shelburne Stormwater Plan Update and Conceptual Design – *on hold*

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CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, June 4, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and at CCRPC office in Winooski

Members Present
Bryan Osborne, Colchester
Bob Henneberger, Seniors
Bruce Hoar, Williston
Chris Yuen, Essex Junction
Chris Damiani, GMT
Conner Smith, GMT
Deirdre Holmes, Charlotte
Kurt Johnson, Underhill
Josh Arneson, Richmond
Jonathon Weber, Local Motion
Jon Rauscher, Winooski
Phillip Peterson, Burlington
Norm Baldwin, Burlington
Tom DiPietro, South Burlington
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Sandy Thibault, CATMA
Matthew Arancio, VTrans
Mary Anne Michaels, Rail
Jacqui Dement, FHWA

Staff
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Taylor Newton, Planning Program Manager
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Eliana Fox, Transportation Planner
Chris Dubin, Senior Transportation Planner
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Planner

1. Bryan Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

2. Consent Agenda
SAM ANDERSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY SANDY THIBAULT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of May 7, 2024 Minutes
BOB HENNEBERGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2024, SECONDED BY BRUCE HOAR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comments
No comments from the public.

5. TAC Chair
Today is Bryan Osborne's last day as TAC Chair. We are seeking a TAC member to volunteer to serve in this role. Phillip Peterson, Burlington, volunteered to be the new TAC Chair.

6. Act 250 Update
The Vermont Legislature passed reforms to Act 250 during this session. Taylor Newton, CCRPC, provided a broad overview of some of the changes. A draft summary is included at the end of these minutes.

The state will be divided into three tiers. Tier 1 Areas are those planned for growth and feature access to water, sewer, transit, etc. Tier 1 is further divided into Tier 1A and 1B. Tier 1B Areas have limited Act 250 exemptions. Municipalities start as Tier 1B then could become Tier 1A Areas, which feature total Act 250 exemptions, if a municipality meets certain standards and is approved by the Land Use Review Board. Tier 3 Areas include "critical natural resources," but the bill doesn't define this term. The Legislature says the new Land Use Review Board (LURB), which replaces the Natural Resources Board, will define this over next 3-4 years but is likely to generally include areas that can't be developed such as

large forest blocks, riparian areas, etc. Note that membership of the LURB has not been determined. Tier 2 Areas are those that aren't Tier 1 or 3 and jurisdiction will stay the same (i.e., Act 250 applies).

Regional Planning Commission's will use standard methodology established in the bill to produce regional Future Land Use maps by 2026. The map will include 6-7 land use types similar to current regional maps. The CCRPC plans to finish updating the regional ECOS Plan (in process), then do an amendment later to update the map(s) as required. Note this will also require an amendment to the MTP.

The existing State designation programs will be phased out by December 2026 and consolidated into two designations:

- Downtowns and Village Centers will include current downtowns, new town centers, and village designations. These will be identified in the regional plan, and municipalities will not have to go through re-designation every five years.
- Designated Neighborhoods include planned growth areas and village areas identified on the regional plan future land use map.

Are there any implications for transportation planning or funding? Probably not for funding. In terms of planning, probably not in Chittenden County, there may not be any changes needed since our communities have been doing good planning.

How do Act 250 updates overlap with growth requirements or expectations for housing targets? And will they appear on the same map? There was a floor amendment related to the housing targets but we haven't reviewed it yet. It may require municipal housing targets in municipal plans but we're not sure of any penalties if they're not met. It's also to be determined how housing targets are related to the regional map update. There are conversations happening about how to refine the approach.

How will Tier 1A function in practice? Will municipalities have to provide documentation or a letter from someone? There will be an application to the new Land Use Review Board for approval to be Tier 1A. If approved, the municipality won't be subject to Act 250 review anymore.

Is there an appeal process if the Tier 1A application isn't approved? CCRPC staff is unclear and will need to review the bill. The regional future land use map will need approval by the Natural Resources Board, and there is no appeal framework or process.

7. TAC Environmental Community seat

Bryan Davis noted the TAC Environmental Community seat is vacant. At the May TAC meeting two candidates introduced themselves and expressed interest in the opportunity to join the TAC. Bryan Davis provided a brief update on their introductions and pointed out it the last TAC meeting was probably Holly's busiest day of the year so challenging for her to be fully present and engaged. We are looking for guidance from the TAC on how to proceed. There was discussion about the appointment process, desired qualities of candidate, range of interests they would be representing (natural resources, environmental justice, etc.).

TAC members supported Holly Francis as the new Environmental Community representative with Kris Stepenuck as the alternate. Bryan Davis will communicate this arrangement with Holly and Kris.

8. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports

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Christine Forde, CCRPC, said there is $90 million of federal funding now available to Vermont municipalities to implement hazard mitigation measures that reduce future flood risk. These funds are available to all Vermont towns with no local match requirement. Note that a community didn't have to

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experience flooding to apply for funding; it can also be used pay for projects that help prevent future damage. Christine encourages TAC members to reach out to her (cforde@ccrpcvt.org) with potential projects to help navigate the process. More information at https://vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation.

Vermont Emergency Management has a consultant who may be able to help with cost-benefit analysis. It's unclear whether municipalities can use their own consultant and get reimbursed for that type of work.

9. CCRPC Board Meeting Report

In May the Board voted to approve TIP amendments to Highway Safety Improvement Program funded projects, held a public hearing for the draft FY25 UPWP, voted to approve the FY25 UPWP and budget, heard an equity program update, and heard other miscellaneous Director and legislative updates.

10. Chair/Members' Items

- **VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program** is seeking grant applications for infrastructure projects that improve access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. The 2024 grant cycle has additional funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) which serves to fund projects designed to reduce transportation emissions. **These additional funds will significantly increase the total amount available for this grant cycle.** Applications must be received by June 14. A pre-application information and training webinar is planned for May 15. Visit https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped or contact Peter Pochop at 802-477-3123 or Peter.Pochop@vermont.gov.
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- **USDOT Funding Resources/Opportunities:**
  - Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) provides $45M for planning, design and construction. Planning and Design grants must have planning and design costs of at least $100,000 to be eligible. Projects seeking Construction grants must have total costs of at least $15 million to be eligible. The deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m. (EST) Monday, June 17, 2024. The required match of 20% could be waived for eligible projects serving communities with a poverty rate of over 40 percent based on the majority of census tracts served by the eligible project. https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/atiip/index.cfm
  - USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, NOFO now available with multiple deadlines depending on grant request (due date of August 29, final round for Planning and Demonstration Grants). This round includes leftover funds from FY23 so this is good opportunity for new applicants. https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

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    - Reconnecting Communities – note that Burlington and South Burlington applied last round, awards not yet announced. This program is more competitive than SS4A. https://www.transportation.gov/grants/rcnprogram
- **2024 Tier 2 & Tier 3 River & Roads Training Dates**, to view more details visit https://dec.vermont.gov/event/vermont-rivers-roads-tier-2-and-tier-3-training.

Sandy said that CATMA's is hosting their third annual Transportation Summit on October 15. There are sponsorships available and the call for papers is currently open. Burlington Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanek is confirmed as the Summit keynote and other subject matter experts have been confirmed to attend. Visit https://catmavt.org/transportation-summit/ for more information.

The TAC will not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6.

The meeting ended with a congratulations and thank you to Bryan Osborne. Bryan thanked everyone and expressed appreciation for everyone's support and partnership.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis

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H.687 - An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection through land use

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PERMITTING & DISCLOSURE CHANGES

- Governor to appoint professional **Land Use Review Board** to replace the Natural Resources Board by July 1, 2025. Nominating committee recommends, Senate confirms. Secs. 2, 3, 10, 11
- Provides **permanent exemptions from Act 250** for:
  - Converting motels or hotels to permanently affordable housing. Sec. 31
  - All development in Tier 1A areas. Beginning January 1, 2026, municipalities may apply to the Land Use Review Board to obtain Tier 1A status. Numerous criteria including public water and sewer, zoning and subdivision bylaws that address smart growth, historic preservation, and natural resources. LURB to produce guidance by January 1, 2026. Sec. 28, 29, 31. 33
  - Up to 50 units of housing on 10 acres or less in Tier 1B areas. These areas to be defined by municipalities and RPCs with approval of Regional Plan by LURB. Sec. 31,
- Provides **interim exemptions from Act 250** for:
  - Accessory dwelling unit related to a single-family home until July 1, 2028. Sec. 31
  - Converting a commercial structure to 29 or fewer housing units until July 1, 2028. Sec. 31
  - All housing within a designated downtown outside floodplains until July 1, 2027. Sec. 31
  - Priority housing projects within ½ mile of downtowns, growth centers, and neighborhood development areas until July 1, 2027. Sec. 24
  - Housing projects with up to 75 units in designated new town centers, growth centers, and neighborhood development areas outside floodplains until July 1, 2027. Sec. 31
  - Housing projects with up to 50 units within ¼ mile of designated village centers or within ¼ mile of transit routes in urban portion of Chittenden County outside floodplains until July 1, 2027. Sec. 31
- Expansions made to "**accessory on-farm business**" definitions. Sec. 17, 18
- No Act 250 permit required for **electric distribution lines** until 12/31/2030. Sec. 26
- Permits judge to allow **amicus curiae briefs**. Sec. 44
- Clarifies some **municipal zoning** requirements from 2023 Act 47. Sec. 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58
- Threshold for **municipal permit appeals** raised from 10 to 20 people. Sec. 59
- Short-term rentals **health and safety disclosure** to be posted in unit. Sec. 101
- **Flood risk disclosure** to be provided by sellers and landlords. Sec. 102, 103, 104, 105, 105a
- VHCB has **right of first refusal on age-restricted properties** for sale. Sec. 109
- **Age-restricted housing** owners to provide notice of rent increases. Sec. 110

PLANNING

- **Regional Plans** to be completed by 12/31/2026 and reviewed by LURB based upon specific statutory guidance. With municipal input, Centers and Tier 1B areas to be defined in Regional Plans and automatically obtain designation benefits upon LURB approval. Potential Tier 1A areas identified. Regional Plans to show where and how housing targets will be met. Sec. 27, 45-49
- Adds resiliency to purpose of **municipal planning and resilience grants**, provides priority to towns without zoning, and appropriates $1,279,740. Sec. 62**,** 78

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- **State and Regional Housing Targets** to have annual reporting by DHCD and RPCs. Sec. 93

NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

- Adds "**habitat connector**" and "**forest block**" criteria to Act 250 criterion 8 with rulemaking. Sec. 12, 13, 14
- Adds "**road rule**" on July 1, 2026, making 800' single driveway or road or combination of 2000' of driveways or roads jurisdictional for Act 250. Rulemaking enabled. Sec. 19, 20
- Adds a **Tier 3** to include "critical natural resources" to be defined by LURB rulemaking. Rules to ensure that no municipality or region is disproportionately impacted by Tier 3. Sec. 21, 22

TAXES/FUNDING

- **Property transfer tax** changes: 0.5% on first $200,000 (was $100,000); 1.25% above $200,000; and 3.4% on second homes. Exemptions for government-assisted financed homes and transfers of mobile homes and of abandoned homes if used as primary residence. Sec. 73
- **Clean water surcharge** on property transfer tax increased from 0.2 to 0.22% with exemption of first $200,000 on primary home or $250,000 if using government-assisted financing. Sec. 74
- **Clean water surcharge** on property transfer tax changed from 0.2 to 0.04% with exemption of first $200,000 on primary home or $250,000 if using government-assisted financing. Funding to be provided to VHCB. Sec. 75 *(conflicting language with above and deleting clean water funding?)*
- **Tax Department portion** of property transfer tax decreased from 2 to 1.5%. Sec. 75a
- **Municipal and Regional Planning Fund** portion of property transfer tax decreased from 17% to 13%. **General Fund** portion increased from 33 to 37% ($32,954,775). **Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund** to receive additional $6,106,335. Sec. 76, 77, 78
- **Property tax exemptions** for three years of increases in value for new construction or rehab of homes in flood-impacted communities or abandoned homes. Sec. 80, 81, 82, 83, 83a
- **Designation program** updated as Community Investment Program including expanded board members to make decisions about tax credits and downtown transportation investments. Sec. 66
    - Existing designations to remain in place until December 31, 2026.
    - New designation program has two designations: Downtowns and Village Centers, and Designated Neighborhoods. These areas to be defined by Regional Plans.
    - New steps added to the designation program with related requirements and benefits.
    - Clarifications made to the definition of qualified flood mitigation project. Sec. 69
    - Increased amount of combined tax credit benefits from $50,000 to $100.000. Sec. 71
- **Vermont Rental Housing Improvement Program** clarifications and adds new provisions allowing up to $70,000 for rental home accessibility improvements and a loan option. Sec. 86
- **Resident Services Program** added in AHS in coordination with VHCB. Sec. 88
- **Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program** may exceed 35% of cost. Sec. 89
- **First Generation Homebuyer Program** funded with $1,000,000 to VHFA. Sec. 90
- **Land Access and Opportunity Board** granted $1,000,000. Sec. 91
- **Rental Housing Stabilization Services** granted $400,000. Sec. 94
- **Tenant Representation Pilot Program** granted $1,025,000. Sec. 95
- **Rent Arrears Assistance Fund** granted $2,500,000. Sec. 96
- **Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program** granted $1,000,000. Sec. 106, 107
- **Natural Resources Board** provided $1,300,000. Sec. 113b

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STUDIES/REPORTS

- LURB to report on how Act 250 could better support **wood product manufacturers** by December 15, 2024. Sec. 35
- DHCD and others to report on **affordable housing development regulatory incentives** by December 15, 2024. Sec. 37
- DHCD to report on feasibility of a **land bank program for housing** by December 15, 2024. Sec. 111
- VAPDA to prepare **RPC study** on opportunities for RPCs to better serve municipalities and the State by December 31, 2024. Sec. 50
- AOT to report on **transit and transportation support through Act 250** by 12/15/25. Sec. 37a
- DHCD to recommend how to best provide **State agency support to municipalities seeking designations** by December 31, 2025. Sec. 67
- **State and Regional Housing Targets** to have annual reporting by DHCD and RPCs. Sec. 93
- Department of Taxes to report on **Landlord Certificate** data and provide info to VEM. Sec. 98, 99
- LURB to study where and **how Act 250 appeals should by handled** by January 15, 2026. Sec 11a
- LURB to report how **Act 250 jurisdiction should apply in Tier 2 areas** by February 15, 2026. Sec. 34
- LURB to report on **new Tier jurisdiction framework** by February 1, 2029. Sec. 36
- Added two years to **environmental justice** reports and rulemaking. Sec. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43
- State Treasurer to report on ways for tenant rent payments to be reported to credit agencies. By December 15, 2024. Sec. 112
- Landlord-Tenant Law study to modernize laws and eviction processes by December 15, 2024. Sec. 113

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Agenda Item 7: Action Item

Consultant Selection – Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP)

Background & Process:

The CCRPC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on April 30, 2024, inviting qualified consultants to submit written proposals to develop a comprehensive Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) for Chittenden County. The objective of the RSAP is to develop a proactive plan to enhance regional roadway safety by identifying innovative and proven safety solutions in the form of projects, initiatives, practices, programs, policies, campaigns, and technologies to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes for all road users. The RSAP will meet all the requirements of a safety action plan required by the Safe Streets for All 2022 (SS4A) federal grant program and enable the CCRPC and member municipalities to compete for implementation funding under this program.

The RFP was advertised via the Vermont Bid Registry, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and direct outreach to consultants who have worked with CCRPC in the past. RFP documents were also posted on the CCPRC's website. Proposals were due on May 24, 2024.

Proposal and Selection:

CCRPC received only one response to the RFP from VHB. A review committee consisting of CCRPC staff (Sai Sarepalli, Eleni Churchill and Eliana Fox), VTrans Staff (Jesse Devlin), and TAC representative (Joe Segale) reviewed VHB's proposal and determined that it was comprehensive and responsive to the RFP and the proposed consultant staff knowledgeable on Transportation Safety in general and Regional Action Plans in particular. The committee is recommending VHB for this project.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the TAC approve VHB as the selected consultant as recommended by the selection committee.

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Agenda Item 8: Discussion Item

Proposed TAC Bylaw Updates

Background:

As part of its duties, the CCRPC Board Development Committee is in the process of recommending organizational bylaw updates to the Board (current CCRPC bylaws here). As part of this process, staff is proposing the following updates to the TAC bylaws for discussion by the TAC:

TAC Bylaw Updates – Recommended Changes

D. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
The Transportation Advisory Committee shall oversee the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission transportation activities and policy development funded primarily through the Federal Highway Administration Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) program as specifically described in items 1-9 of this section.

At regular TAC meetings, a quorum constitutes the majority of voting members present. In special circumstances when timing of a vote is an issue then the TAC may be asked to vote on items by email. In this case a quorum is the majority of the voting members that respond and cast their vote. A member may ask that an item be brought to the next regular meeting for discussion before voting, if timing allows.

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee shall be a TAC member elected by the TAC or appointed by the Chair of CCRPC. There shall be up to 31 members and representatives of organizations as follows:

- 1 Board member
- Representatives of the 18 municipalities eligible to vote on MPO business as described in Article V. A.
- Vermont Agency of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- ~~Chittenden County Transportation Authority~~ Green Mountain Transit
- Burlington International Airport
- ~~Campus~~ Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association
- Special Services Transportation Agency
- ~~Person~~ Rrepresentative of the Business Community
- ~~Person~~ Rrepresentative of the Disabled Community
- ~~Person~~ Rrepresentative of the ~~Elderly~~ Older Adult Community
- ~~Person~~ Rrepresentative of the Environmental Community
- ~~Person~~ Rrepresentative of the Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Community
- ~~Person~~ Rrepresentative of the Rail Industry

The terms of TAC members will be for two years beginning July 1st, communities whose beginning letter falls between A and K shall appoint a representative to serve beginning in even numbered fiscal years and communities whose beginning letter falls from L through Z shall appoint a representative to serve beginning in odd numbered fiscal years. Appointments of all other members will be on an annual basis by the Board Chair. Appointments to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.

For vacancies of special interest groups (e.g., Business, People with Disabilities, etc.), CCRPC will ask for nominations from representative groups and community members to ensure a diversity of candidates are part of the nomination pool. Interested individuals will be asked to attend a TAC meeting to introduce themselves and share the perspective they would bring in representing a particular interest as part of the TAC. The TAC will then select a representative to recommend ~~bring a recommendation to the~~ to the Board Chair for approval.

The Transportation Advisory Committee shall meet on a monthly basis or as needed to conduct the following activities:
1) review the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) updates, revisions, and amendments and provide comments before the MTP is reviewed by ~~as developed by~~ the Long Range Planning Committee;
2) review and recommend to the Board the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and TIP amendments; ~~, Sidewalk and Transportation Enhancement Grant program recommendations and priorities~~
3) review and recommend to the Board a prioritized list of projects based on VTrans' VPSP2 process;
4) review and recommend to the Board targets for federally established performance measures on various categories such as safety, asset condition, system performance, etc.;
5) review and recommend to the Board ~~technical planning/engineering studies for inclusion in the~~ the annual UPWP;
~~4) review completed MPO funded planning and scoping studies;~~
6) oversee the selection of consultants to be retained for MPO funded projects and programs;
7) undertake MPO related technical and policy activities; ~~similar to the Planning Advisory Committee~~;
8) coordinate transportation, ~~-~~land use, and water quality ~~-~~activities with the Planning Advisory Committee and Water Quality Advisory Committee;
9) conduct other duties as assigned by the Board and/or Executive Committee including recommendations to the Board as needed; and,
10) establish sub-committees on an as needed basis.

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