DATE: Tuesday, September 2, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Virtual meeting using Zoom
ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:	Staff:
Aaron Martin, Essex Bob Henneberger, Older Adults Bruce Hoar, Williston Chris Damiani, GMT Chris Yuen, Essex Junction Deirdre Holmes, Charlotte Holly Francis, Environment Jon Rauscher, Winooski Josh Arneson, Richmond Matthew Arancio, VTrans Michael Giguere, Essex Junction Phillip Peterson, Burlington Richard Amore, Local Motion Roger Thompson, FHWA Sam Andersen, GBIC Sandy Thibault, CATMA Tom DiPietro, South Burlington	Charlie Baker, Executive Director Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Director Taylor Newton, Planning Program Director Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner Chris Dubin, Senior Transportation Planner Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner Eliana Fox, Transportation Planner Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer Kate McCarthy, Senior Planner Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Planner Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer Guests: Jack Evans, Local Motion Matthew Langham, VTrans Will Hodgson, GMT

1. Call to Order, Welcome + Attendance
   Phillip Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Introductions were made.

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

3. Approval of June 3, 2025 Minutes
   CHRIS YUEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2025, SECONDED BY BRUCE HOAR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comment Period
   No comments from the public.

5. Act 181/ECOS Plan/Future Land Use Mapping Update
   Taylor Newton, CCRPC, gave a presentation on the CCRPC Regional ECOS Plan update and Act 181. The last update of the ECOS Plan was in 2018 and had been on a five-year update cycle with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), but the update encountered delays for several reasons. The update is being led by long-range planning committee (LRPC) with Sandy and Bob as TAC representatives. The ECOS update is now a larger project due in part to the state's passage of Act 181.

The project has included significant public engagement which occurred in two rounds. The major transportation themes heard were related to the desire for a robust transit system as well as improved walking and biking opportunities.

The ECOS Plan structure has been redesigned using two themes: climate change and equity/inclusion. Under these themes the Plan includes 17 goals with actions and indicators. In addition, there are a number of plan supplements. The Plan also includes a new Regional Future Land Use Map to meet Act 181 requirements for all RPCs. Note that the Chittenden County housing targets in the Plan focus on a target year of 2050 rather than the required year of 2030.

Regarding transportation, the Plan won't include a major change in regional policy since it is aligned with the 2023 MTP. A new MTP is needed in 2028, and the ECOS Plan will be amended at the same time to include the new MTP. The first step in updating the next MTP is to update the regional transportation model, which will incorporate changes to housing and related long-range forecasts.

The LRPC is finalizing their review of the entire ECOS Plan and will meet this fall to discuss priority actions. They will meet again in late winter/early spring to discuss and make updates based on public hearings and inputs. The draft plan will be submitted to the newly created Land Use Review Board for formal review to ensure it meets required state criteria.

Sandy and Bob lauded the efforts of CCRPC staff on plan development and public outreach.

Taylor thanked the land use team and the LRPC for their work. He then explained the Tier 1A and 1B categories which allow for streamlined Act 250 review. Tier 1A is for the most significant growth areas such as downtowns and village centers, and eligible developments get full exemption from Act 250. Tier 1B are village areas that are linked to core centers and planned growth areas and are eligible for certain Act 250 exemptions. Twelve out of Chittenden County's 19 towns have opted in to Tier 1B. At least a few are interested in considering the Tier 1B opt in after they've finished local planning processes that are underway.

For more information visit: https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/ecos-regional-plan/

6. FY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Christine Forde, CCRPC, gave a presentation on the draft FY2026-2029 TIP. The TIP is a prioritized, fiscally constrained, multi-year list of federally funded, multimodal transportation projects and operations in Chittenden County. As a federally designated Metropolitan Organization (MPO), the CCRPC is required to prepare and approve a TIP at least every four years. The TIP is not a project wish list or a capital program, but it authorizes the obligation of federal funds. The TIP is incorporated into the VTrans Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Christine described how to read and interpret the TIP document, specifically the project list in Section II. She noted the TIP funding for FY26-29 totals $304 million. She clarified that not every

project listed in the TIP moves forward and referenced the chart showing TIP amounts and actual obligations. There are changes in the current draft TIP from the version shared with the TAC and include Main Street Bridge, signal upgrades, I-89 bridge and others. Christine noted that TIP projects are also organized by the 9 different categories (bike/ped, bridges, paving, etc.). CIRC Alternative projects continue to be identified in the TIP with many completed or continuing to advance.

Eliana asked about how projects are prioritized. Christine explained that a new process (VPSP2) was created in recent years. This process has been paused so VTrans can catch up on completing projects before adding more to the process.

SAM ANDERSEN MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD WARN A PUBLIC HEARING IN OCTOBER AND APPROVE THE FY26-29 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHRIS YUEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. FY26 UPWP Transportation Projects
   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
   The Board held their annual meeting in June and voted to approve the slate of Officers and Executive Committee for FY26, approved the FY26 meeting calendar, and approved Board and staff resolutions.

   In July the Board voted to approve the 2025 Bolton Town Plan, reviewed draft committee appointments, and heard Act 181 implementation and ECOS Plan (future land use map and housing targets) updates, staff introductions, and other Executive Director/Chair updates including policy areas of interest to CCRPC.

   The Board did not meet in August.

9. Chair/Members' Items
   a. **VTrans Mobility and Transportation Innovations (MTI) Grant Program**: applications due 4:30 pm, September 22, 2025. The 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. Additional funding is available this round. Note that funds can be used as match funds for other programs, contact Jeremy.Whiting@vermont.gov for more details. Additional program information at https://vtrans.vermont.gov/public-transit/mti. Please contact bdavis@ccrpcvt.org for grant application assistance/review.
   b. **2025 Municipal Day:** The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) invites Vermont's Local Government Officials, Employees and Volunteers to participate in a day-long event of informational trainings on Friday, October 17, 7:45-3:45 at National Life in Montpelier. More information at https://anr.vermont.gov/special-topics/municipal-day.

c. Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation **2025 River & Roads Trainings**: https://dec.vermont.gov/event/vermont-rivers-roads-tier-2-and-tier-3-training
d. **ADA and Title VI One-Sheets for Local Public Agencies**: VTrans has designed one-pagers to simplify your understanding of ADA and Title VI compliance. Compliance isn't just a legal requirement—it's about safeguarding vulnerable communities and ensuring everyone has equal access. Get started here: ADA and Title VI.
e. **USDOT Discretionary Grants:** The Department of Transportation has released the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants: 1) Planning and Demonstration Grants; and 2) Implementation Grants. The deadline for applications is June 26, 2025, at 5:00 pm (EDT).

Chris Yuen shared that Essex Junction is updating a 2018 scoping study to examine improvements on Pearl Street between Susie Wilson Road and West Street Extension to close a gap in the active transportation network and add transit stops along an existing transit route.

Phillip noted that Burlington issued an RFQ to update (four plans) with proposals due later this month.

Sandy reminded the TAC that CATMA is hosting their Annual Transportation Summit on October 14 at UVM. Learn more and register at https://catmavt.org/transportation-summit/.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 9:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Davis