DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: In person meeting with Zoom option
ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:	Staff:
Phillip Peterson (Chair), Burlington Adam Wechsler, People with Disability Alex Demoly, GBIC Bob Henneberger, Older Adults Chris Damiani, GMT Chris Yuen, Essex Junction Deirdre Holmes, Charlotte Tom DiPietro, South Burlington Holly Francis, Environment Jack Evans, Local Motion Jon Rauscher, Winooski Josh Arneson, Richmond Mary Anne Michaels, Rail Matthew Arancio, VTrans Randy Alemy, Colchester Roger Thompson, FHWA Sandy Thibault, CATMA	Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Director Ann Janda, Senior Energy Project Manager Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner Eliana Fox, Transportation Planner Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Planner Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer Guests: Gillian Nanton, Shelburne Linsday Kahn, Charlotte Will Hodgson, GMT

1. Call to Order, Welcome + Attendance, Group Agreements
   P. Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and reminded members about the CCRPC group agreements which are included in this month's agenda.
   C. YUEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY B. HENNEBERGER, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

   Attendees introduced themselves both in person and online.

2. Consent Agenda – none this month

3. Approval of March 4, 2026 Minutes
   J. EVANS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2026, SECONDED BY J. ARNESON. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comment Period
   No comments from the public.

5. FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
   M. Distel, CCRPC, presented the draft FY27 UPWP, including an overview of the development process, funding trends, and project categories. Total consultant-funded transportation planning allocations have fluctuated in recent years, peaking around $2.66 million in FY25 and returning to approximately $2.2 million for FY27, reflecting the drawdown of previously accumulated

metropolitan planning organization (MPO) funds. The program includes investments across multimodal, bike/pedestrian, water quality, transit, and energy-related projects, with increasing allocations to partner organizations and transit planning. To address a gap between approximately $2.7 million in requests and $2.25 million in available funding, staff used carry-forward funds, phased or deferred several projects into future fiscal years, and shifted some work to in-house staff. Key adjustments included deferring portions of the regional active transportation plan and Shelburne Road master plan, reducing the scope of a rural transit funding study, and scaling back transit planning requests to align with eligibility requirements. The agenda packet includes the draft FY27 UPWP and project list for reference.

Discussion addressed funding trends, with staff noting that prior funding backlogs have largely been eliminated and future funding levels are expected to remain relatively stable, barring significant changes. Members also discussed limited growth in energy-related projects, attributed to completed prior studies, evolving technology implementation timelines, and uncertainty around federal EV funding priorities. See the CCRPC Energy and Climate webpage for completed studies and other resources.

There was discussion about the federal reauthorization due in September, but there is uncertainty about whether there will be a new federal bill, or possibly a continuing resolution.

J. EVANS MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAC ENDORSE THE FY 2027 UPWP AND RECOMMEND IT TO THE CCRPC BOARD FOR ADOPTION AT THEIR MAY 20 MEETING, FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6PM. MOTION SECONDED BY C. YUEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. VTrans 2026 Traffic Count Locations
   E. Fox, CCRPC, said that VTrans provides a list of annual count locations, which we wanted to share with the TAC so they are aware of where these are in relation to the municipal counts requested of CCRPC as part of the FY27 UPWP process. You can view the VTrans count map here. CCRPC will coordinate with VTrans on counts at similar locations so they are not duplicating efforts. Note that VTrans also performs counts on local roads, not just state roads.

7. Roundtable Discussion of 2026 Municipal Projects
   B. Davis, CCRPC, invited TAC members to share updates on significant projects in their cities/towns for 2026.

   J. Rauscher said that Winooski Main Street construction is about 80 percent complete. This is the third and final year of construction and is mainly focused on transportation components rather than utilities. Temporary sidewalks will be replaced with permanent sidewalks, lighting will be installed, etc. They will not need to reinstate one-way traffic configurations but some delays can be expected. The City is planning celebrations for project completion. The City continues to coordinate with the VTrans Exit 16 project. The Winooski River Bridge project is also moving forward, with design/build work beginning next year and construction starting late 2027/early 2028. There is a project open house scheduled for April 29, 5-7 PM at the Winooski School. J. Rauscher noted that scoping studies, such as the one on East Allen/East Spring St, are helpful for getting to construction.

P. Peterson said that Burlington's Main Street project will start again this spring and will be less disruptive than in previous years. Champlain Parkway will be substantially completed in June, and Main Street will be completed in late summer. New sidewalks and new pavement will occur throughout the City. There is a planBTV 2050 Community Open House on Thursday, April 30, 3-7pm at 1 Main Street.

C. Yuen said Essex Junction work is focused on Park Street about roadway reconfiguration and a scoping study for pedestrian crossings on Pearl Street. A challenge has been meeting the VTrans guidelines for pedestrian crossings in this type of context. There is also a shared use path planned on the north side of Pearl Street approaching Susie Wilson Road, which is in final design. He noted that due to some miscommunication years ago, Class 1 paving for Pearl Street didn't occur when other repaving was happening, so the City and VTrans have worked on an agreement to complete paving in this area.

J. Arneson said Richmond is looking at stop-control options at the four-way intersection of Cochran Rd/Thompson Rd/Huntington Rd. They are using previous studies and public input to decide on potential changes, which is up for a public vote in April. The Town also has some repaving and utility work in process, as well as municipal roads general permit (MRGP) stormwater work on Snipe Island. They are also looking at flood mitigation work on Dugway Road.

8. Future Agenda Topic Discussion
   B. Davis, CCRPC, asked TAC members for topics of interest to be considered for future meeting agenda. Ideas suggested include:
   - Winooski River Bridge project updates
   - Implementation of Regional Safety Action Plan
   - Traffic calming – from planning to design to implementation and agreement on what gets installed
   - Education and outreach for transit/walk/bike as transportation options in light of rising gas prices
   - Updates on funding opportunities at the state and federal level (see CCRPC Funding webpage)
   - Update on state transportation bill
   - Water quality and flood mitigation projects (how to coordinate with CCRPC CWAC etc.)
   - Using liquid salt applications which saves salt use – Winooski switched to brine, prewetting, etc. and saved money and material (J.Rauscher is willing to share/present
   - Best practices for roadway markings/paint
   - Examples of uses for big data RITIS (VTrans could be presenter)
   - Update on mileage-based user fee, how it's going to work, etc.

9. US DOT Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative
   E. Fox, CCRPC, shared that US Department of Transportation is seeking comments on this initiative, which prioritizes the needs of rural America by advancing rural transportation policy and supporting rural and Tribal communities that face challenges relating to transportation safety, mobility, and economic development. Most US lane miles are rural, and there is a higher proportion of fatalities on those roadways. Addison County RPC is collecting feedback from their

TAC and submitting comments, and we are willing to do the same in Chittenden County. If interested TAC members can **review these materials** and provide feedback to bdavis@ccrpcvt.org by April 17, who will compile and submit by the April 20 deadline.

10. Policies for Maintenance Work on Legal Trails
    B. Davis, CCRPC, said that after the Vermont Supreme Court finding of the Tunbridge case and Act 66 (see VTDigger article here), some towns are in discussion about creating a document that outlines municipal policy and standard operating procedures in regards to the maintenance done on those trails. These likely need to be developed in coordination with a municipal attorney. Are there Chittenden County cities/towns having these discussions and creating these policies/procedures? B. Henneberger noted that the legislature closed the loophole used by the Tunbridge landowner. J. Areneson noted that Richmond tries to be proactive but doesn't maintain driveway access. TAC members are invited to bring any additional information to a future meeting.

11. 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. See the full FY26 UPWP at https://www.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/FY26_UPWP_Adopted_20250521.pdf.

12. CCRPC Board Meeting Report
    In March the Board voted to accept the draft FY2025 audit, voted to approve the Charlotte Town Plan and Richmond Town Plan, heard an ECOS Plan update, outreach and engagement updates, and other Executive Director/Chair updates.

13. Chair/Members' Items
    a. **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 is not just a legal requirement, it is about safeguarding vulnerable communities and ensuring everyone has equal access. Get started here: **ADA** and **Title VI**.
    b. **USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard: https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard**.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 9:00 AM, which will be a virtual meeting.

C. YUEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY S. THIBAULT, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Davis