DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: CCRPC office with Zoom option
ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:	Staff:
Adam Wechsler, People with Disability Alex Demoly, GBIC Annie Costandi, Essex Bob Henneberger, Older Adults Chris Yuen, Essex Junction Deirdre Holmes, Charlotte Erica Towle, South Burlington Holly Francis, Environment Jack Evans, Local Motion Josh Arneson, Richmond Matthew Arancio, VTrans Randy Alemy, Colchester Roger Thompson, FHWA Sandy Thibault, CATMA Will Hodgson, GMT	Charlie Baker, Executive Director Taylor Newton, Deputy Director Ann Janda, Senior Energy Project Manager Bryan Davis, Transportation Planning Program Manager Chris Dubin, Senior Transportation Planner Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner Eliana Fox, Transportation Planner Jason Charest, Transportation Technical Program Manager Kate McCarthy, Community Development Program Manager Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Planner Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer Guests: Jennifer DeRise, CCRPC intern Makenzie Jones, CCRPC intern Ian Warner, CCRPC intern Emmett Barrese, CCRPC intern Faith Dall, VTrans Lou Phillip, VTrans intern Patrick Murphy, VTrans TJ Matteini, GBIC

1. Call to Order, Welcome + Attendance, Group Agreements
   B. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM and reminded members about the CCRPC group agreements which are included in this month's agenda. B. Davis noted recent CCRPC organizational changes with more information being released this week. He also noted it's the time of year to elect/re-elect the TAC Chair. Phillip Peterson is out today but indicated his willingness to continue as chair. This will be an item on the September TAC agenda.

   C. YUEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY B. HENNEBERGER, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Consent Agenda
   E. TOWLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY J. EVANS, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of June 2, 2026 Minutes
   B. HENNEBERGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2026, SECONDED BY A. DEMOLY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comment Period
   No comments from the public.

   A. Demoly, GBIC, introduced TJ Matteini who recently joined GBIC and is tuning in to learn more about CCRPC and the TAC.

5. Statewide TAC Coordination
   B. Davis and F. Dall, VTrans, said that RPCs statewide have been joining each other's TAC meetings to observe how they function and understand member composition. The planners will then work together to develop strategies that will help TACs across the state be engaged and effective committees. Part of this process includes a short TAC member survey, sent by email. Please return surveys to bdavis@ccrpcvt.org.

6. VTrans Updates: Transportation Bill and Budget
   M. Arancio, VTrans, introduced Patrick Murphy, State Policy Director at VTrans, to provide an update on the Transportation Bill and Budget. P. Murphy noted the Agency of Transportation faced a number of challenges coming into the legislative session, and some structural funding issues, some of which have been addressed, others for which groundwork was laid for future changes.

   A lot of work happened outside the transportation bill, including the miscellaneous tax bill H 933. Purchase and use revenue is a big part of the transportation bill, two-thirds of that revenue goes to the transportation fund and one-third to the education fund. This year the legislature committed to decreasing the amount going towards education and putting it towards transportation, while at the same time changing some of the sales formula to replace what's lost in the education fund from transportation.

   The Transportation Bill includes some introductory sections and provides the context for the funding issues. Section 2 adopts the transportation program and what's called the White Book, which are the projects included in this year's budget. Section 3 describes activities adopted to further some climate goals for the state. In Section 4 the legislature takes the transportation infrastructure bond funds and adds them to paving. There are some statewide highway bridges in Section 5 where some money is moved around in order to be able to increase the paving budget. Section 6 deals with the transportation infrastructure bond and thinking about if the agency can fund more bonding to fund projects, those with a lifespan longer than 10 years, and whether that's more effective than pay as you go.

   A number of sections deal with setting up a mileage-based user fee for battery electric vehicles (EV) which go into effect January 1, 2027. This will be 1.4 cents per mile, which is reflective of the cost per mile for fuel of a vehicle that gets 23 miles per gallon. This fee will expand to other types of EVs (e.g., plug in electric, hybrid) in future years. The fee is intended to replace funds lost from fuel tax revenue. The objective is for drivers to pay roughly the same amount on a per mile basis into the transportation fund, and treats infrastructure as more of a utility that people are using and therefore paying for. Section 13 is about public electric vehicle charging and how the Agency might capture out-of-state revenue for electric vehicles.

Other sections extend the ability for the state to participate in public private partnerships, such as Highway Welcome Centers. There are changes to Transportation Alternatives Program, award amounts are increased from $300,000 to $600,000, and removing the requirement that 50% of TAP funding goes towards salt/sand sheds. This is paired with changes to prioritization of projects so that salt/sand sheds are as competitive as bike ped projects. There is also a temporary granting limit increase to $1.2 million this fiscal year given the desire to get federal funds out the door.

Last year's Transportation Bill had a trio of studies with municipalities which are continued in this year's bill. This includes looking at state statutes related to setting speed limits. Another section continues work with Drive Electric Vermont, another section continues work supporting the recruitment and retention of volunteer drivers for non-emergency medical trips. A few sections deal with changes to regulations for EV charging stations, following National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) standards, and sharing data to third-party platforms to provide real time data to drivers. There are sections around increasing the ability for people living in home owner associations and common interest communities to install EV charging by right.
There's a report required from the Department of Motor Vehicles around intelligent speed assistance to look at how folks who are regularly going over the speed limit might have a governor installed on their vehicles. The last section is a repeal of log drives. This is a historical method used to transport harvested timber from remote forests to sawmills by floating the logs down rivers.

There was discussion about the EV mileage fee, revenue lost due to vehicle efficiency, cap on the user fee at $178, and that the fee only applies to EVs under 6,100 pounds.

7. Population, Employment, Household Forecast Update
J. Charest, CCRPC, reminded the TAC that the CCRPC is in the process of updating its demographic forecast. The last update was in 2017 and the preference is to update this every 5 years but was delayed due to the pandemic. This update is in sync with statewide update and will be able to be broken down to the municipal level for Chittenden County. The data will be broken into smaller zones as modeling for the upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. He noted that Chittenden County is the only region for which this info will be broken down in this way. He noted that the forecasts don't dictate what we're planning for, and that the state has no official long-term forecast for population and employment. Vermont has a Joint Fiscal Office-prepared consensus forecast updated periodically, most recently to year 2036 for population and jobs. Population and employment in Vermont reflect national trends of older population, negative replacement rate, and reduced international migration.

The team is using a 2050 population of 653,000 in forecasting. This figure is then broken up by county (180,000 in Chittenden County) and broken further by municipality based on housing targets. They're taking the additional 12,000 people in the county and distributing that amongst the municipalities based on their recent housing target work. For jobs and employment, they're forecasting 8,500 new jobs by 2050, which is then broken down by municipality.

This information will be presented to the Planning Advisory Committee tomorrow, 7/8, and then to the Board on 7/15 and again on 9/16 for their approval.

8. CCRPC Interns Update
   E. Fox and C. Dubin, CCRPC, said the interns have had a busy summer with traffic counts and inventories. Interns J. DeRise, M. Jones. I. Warner, and E. Barrese provided an update on their work. They've completed pavement inspections using PAVER on Huntington's paved roads, which was challenging due to the curves. They will do the same for Burlington with a goal of repeating inspections every three years. They completed road erosion inventories for Hinesburg and Milton, and Grants in Aid projects in Westford and Milton. They've conducted traffic counts using automatic traffic recorders (ATR). Challenges with tubes both being purposefully cut and unintentionally torn by vehicles. They used a Blackcat counter on Oak Hill Road in Williston due to traffic speeds being a safety issue. They are conducting turning movement counts using count cameras and manual counting. C. Yuen thanked the team for setting up counters on short notice in Essex Junction.

9. CCRPC Board Meeting Report
   The Board held their annual meeting in June at which they voted to approve the election of officers and executive committee membership, voted to approve Bob Clark as the Agriculture representative to the Board, voted to approve the FY27 meeting calendar, voted to approve the bank signer resolution, and approved two Board member milestone resolutions. These recognized Jeff Carr's 25 years of Board service, and Garret Mott's 25 years of Board service. The annual meeting was also an opportunity for staff, Board, partners and others to recognize Eleni Churchill's retirement and celebrate her leadership, accomplishments and overall awesomeness. You will be missed!

10. 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**.

B. Davis noted that the VTrans 2026 Town Highway Maps have been completed and posted online. These maps are available via the Town Highway Map Lookup page on the Mapping Section website at: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/content/planning/maps/town-maps/highway-maps. Additional information about the Town Highway Maps can be found here: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps/town-maps.

The TAC will not meet in August. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 9:00 AM.

B. HENNEBERGER MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY C. YUEN, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Davis