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Chittenden County's transportation needs

**CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Main Conference Room
MPO Offices, 110 West Canal Street,
Suite 202, Winooski, VT 05404**

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Minor TIP Amendments

DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

1. Changes to the Agenda (ACTION ITEM)
2. Public Comment Period on Items **NOT** on the Agenda
3. Action on Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)
4. Approval of Minutes (September 16, 2009) (ACTION ITEM)
5. Executive Director Update (INFORMATION ITEM)

6. Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Process – Peter Keating
7. Presentation on the Champlain Initiative Project - Barry Lampke, United Way of Chittenden County
8. Presentation on Proposed Legislation for a Statewide Transit Authority (Chris Cole, CCTA)

9. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee - draft meeting minutes October 7, 2009
 - b. Transportation Advisory Committee - draft meeting minutes- October 6, 2009
 - c. Finance Committee
 - d. CCRPC

10. Members' Items
11. Other Business

This meeting will air on Channel 17 on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.; repeating on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 1 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. The streaming link is: <http://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/metropolitan-planning-org.11>

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 7:00 a.m.

CCMPO Annual Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Park, Ride and Intercept Committee, Kick-off meeting October 29th, 10:00AM



CCMPO Board
October 21, 2009
Agenda Item 6: Information Item

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Background:

Every five years the CCMPO undertakes a MTP, a document that includes the strategies, actions and projects that will lead to “an integrated multimodal transportation system to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods...” According to Federal regulations, the MTP must also look out over a minimum 20-year planning horizon and its recommendations grounded by reasonably expected funding. The CCMPO’s 2025 MTP was completed and approved in 2005. The latest version, the 2060 MTP, got underway last fall using a technique called Scenario Planning and cast a wider view into the future, looking out 50 years.

We began the latest update with the establishment of the Advisory Committee, the hiring of consultants to undertake the scenario planning and financial plan tasks, and agreeing to CCRPC related tasks. The visioning workshops for scenario planning took place last fall. Staff met with all Chittenden County legislative bodies over the winter presenting the MTP development process and schedule. Following that outreach, consultant and MPO staff worked to distill the thirteen public workshop scenarios down to a more manageable and distinctive six. The Advisory committee met twice over the winter and spring, reviewing and commenting on the MTP’s first two chapters and hearing preliminary results from the financial analysis and initial model runs.

The process to develop the MTP requires widespread and on-going public and local government input. Meetings with local, state and federal government officials, local and regional planning commissions, business groups, environmental organizations, and other special interest groups are essential to the MTP development process.

Recent Events:

As we began using our transportation model to analyze scenario impacts this past spring the results did not meet expectations. Although the scenarios from the workshops seemed to reveal distinctively different growth patterns and development densities, the transportation impacts from these patterns were barely discernable in the preliminary scenario analyses. Subsequent analysis of the land use scenarios developed in the public workshops suggested these settlement patterns are not as divergent as first appeared. The lack of clear differences between the scenarios analyzed to date has generated significant consultations

between CCMPO, RSG (model developer), and Smart Mobility (scenario planning consultant) staff to look more closely at the model, and potentially modifying the model to better reflect current research on the benefits of denser mixed use development. This modification will make the tool more sensitive to land use differences and non-auto trips – particularly in mixed use areas placed outside the urban core of Burlington, Winooski, and South Burlington. Working through these issues has consumed most of the summer and early fall and led to delays in scenario analysis and the subsequent tasks dependent on those analytical results.

Current Status:

MTP tasks awaiting completion include: Analyzing the scenarios, selecting a preferred scenario, testing the preferred scenario with different transportation strategies/projects, and then writing the relevant chapter of the MTP. Along with these tasks is a significant public process that includes public meetings (to present the scenarios and analytical results), input from the CCMPO and CCRPC boards on the preferred scenario, progress updates and feedback from each of our member municipalities, consultations with interest groups, and input from the MTP Advisory committee. Although progress on drafting the MTP document continues, development has slowed over the past few months and we are now several months behind schedule - with 2025 MTP expiration looming in January 2010.

Staff Recommendation:

The staff and consultants are concluding the model/analytical issues this month. Smart Mobility has documented modifications to the model in response to the issues described above and RSG has concurred with suggested changes to non-motorized travel estimation. CCMPO staff continues analyzing the scenarios and will proceed with the remaining tasks as expeditiously as possible without short changing the necessary public outreach component. **However, due to the approaching January deadline, staff also proposes to develop a contingency to re-adopt the 2025 MTP with the required SAFETEA-LU elements.** These SAFETEA – LU changes to MTP regulations primarily deal with natural resource agency consultations (a process begun in May and continuing), environmental mitigation of the MTP recommendations, and updating the financial projections/project cost information. Attached is a MTP development schedule that shows the continuing development of the 2060 MTP alongside the proposed 2025 MTP re-adoption contingency.

Staff will provide more MTP detail at the October 21st meeting.

More Information:

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DRAFT MTP Development Schedule

| Remaining 2060 Development Tasks | 10/09 | 11/09 | 12/09 | 1/10 | 2/10 | 3/10 | 4/10 | 5/10 | 6/10 | 7/10 | 8/10 | 9/10 | 10/10 | 11/10 | 12/10 |
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| Analyze/test scenarios | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scenario Presentation and public voting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Select preferred scenario | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draft remaining MTP chapters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Advisory committee meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Government updates | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Resource agency outreach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Financial analysis/project costs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adjoining RPCs current and future conditions reports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warn public hearings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public hearing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Readopt 2025 MTP Contingency

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| Resource agency consultation | | | | |
| Draft environmental consultation and mitigation report | | | | |
| Completed amended 2025 MTP | | | | |
| Warn Public Hearing | | | | |
| Public hearing and re-adoption | | | | |

October 14, 2009



CCMPO Board of Directors
10/21/09
Agenda Item C.1: Consent Item

FY2010 Transportation Improvement Program

Issues: The following changes are proposed for the FY10 year of the Chittenden County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The FY10-13 TIP has not yet been approved by FHWA – the STIP hearing is scheduled for October 28 and needs to take place before the STIP/TIP can be approved. As a result, these amendments will change the FY10 year of both the FY08-11 TIP, which is still in effect, and the FY10-13 TIP.

I-89 Culvert Rehabilitation, South Burlington-Winooski (Project HP092, Amendment FY10-01)

- Add \$2.25 million in Federal funds in FY10 to reline or replace nine culverts on I-89 between South Burlington and Winooski.

I-89 Sign Upgrades, Waterbury-Winooski (Chittenden County Portion)(Project HP093, Amendment FY10-02)

- Add \$0.9 million in Federal funds in FY10 to upgrade I-89 signs in Chittenden County towns between Waterbury to Winooski to new federal retroreflectivity standards.

I-89 Culvert Rehabilitation, Richmond, Williston (Project HP094, Amendment FY10-03)

- Add \$2.16 million in FY10 to reline culverts and construct new headwalls for culvert 59-2 in Richmond and 59-4S in Williston.

These changes are not subject to CCMPO's fiscal constraint limit because they are interstate projects.

Staff Recommendation: Approve TIP amendments

TAC Recommendation: Approve TIP amendments

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