

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
3 MINUTES  
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5 DATE: Tuesday, August 3, 2004

6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

7 PLACE: CCMPO Offices, 30 Kimball Avenue, Suite 102, South Burlington, VT

8 Present: George Gerecke, Chair, Williston

9 Polly McMurtry, VTrans

10 Jeanne K. Wilson, Hinesburg

11 Dean Pierce, Shelburne

12 Jane Marvin, Senior Representative

13 Dan Bradley, Burlington

14 Lew Wetzel, CCRPC

15 Chris Jolly, FHWA

16 Matt Langham, VTrans

17 Stan Hamlet, Underhill

18 Murray Benner, SSTA

19 Sonny Audette, South Burlington

20 Cyndi Humphrey, Jericho

21 Bryan Osborne, Colchester

22 Richard Watts, Environmental Representative

23 Chapin Spencer, Bike/Pedestrian Representative

24 Bill McCormick, Intercity Bus Representative

25 Andy Legg, Milton

26 MPO Staff: Peter Keating, Senior Planner

27 Susan Smichenko, Senior Planner

28 Daryl Benoit, Transportation Planner

29 Paul Craven, Project Manager

30 Christine Forde, Senior Planner

31 Dave Roberts, Senior Planner

32 Others: Greg Brown, CCRPC

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34 Chair George Gerecke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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36 1. **Consent Agenda** There were no items this month.

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38 2. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes of July 6, 2004 were approved without changes.

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40 3. **Public Comments** No members of the public were present.

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42 4. **Jericho to Hardwick VT RT 15 Corridor Study**

43 Dave Roberts reported on events to date on this inter-regional study managed by the Lamoille  
44 County Regional Planning Commission. Dave gave some background information and described  
45 the study's purpose:

46 1. To preserve or enhance mobility, safety, and scenic attributes,

47 2. Identify existing and future issues, and

48 3. Recommend actions to avoid or mitigate the identified issues.

49 Dave also described the study area, commuting patterns, traffic volumes, and the major

50 intersections, focusing in particular on the corridor segment within Chittenden County. The

51 existing and future conditions reports have been completed and two public meetings held. Next the

1 consultant (RSG) will review comments and develop draft recommendations related to  
2 intersections, the roadway, land use (access management, zoning, etc), park and ride/transit, and  
3 bicycle and pedestrian issues. Two additional public meetings are expected in September on the  
4 draft final report. Dave will report back to the TAC on this in two months.  
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#### 6 **5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Status**

7 Peter Keating reported that following the departure of the project consultant staff has been working  
8 to complete a new MTP draft this past spring and early summer. One is now ready for staff review.  
9 MPO staff is considering some final revisions before sending it to the CCRPC staff for their input.  
10 A draft copy will next go to the MTP Steering Committee in the middle of the month and a Steering  
11 Committee meeting will be scheduled for late August or early September. TAC and Board  
12 presentations and reviews, and meetings with member towns will follow, and a public hearing will  
13 be called by the Board – probably late this year or early next.  
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#### 15 **6. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program**

16 Peter Keating explained that the deadline for receipt of school applications and qualifications for  
17 parties interested in being the part time program coordinator passed last Friday. While three sets or  
18 qualifications for the program coordinator came in only one from a town/school arrived on time.  
19 Peter reported that in hindsight it was clear that soliciting interest from schools over the summer  
20 was not the ideal time. The deadline for schools would be extended to mid September and  
21 reminders mailed to the schools and other contacts. Peter mentioned that after the SR2S  
22 subcommittee had reviewed and recommended a program coordinator, the TAC would be asked to  
23 endorse that decision.  
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#### 25 **7. Bike/Pedestrian and Enhancement Programs**

26 Peter Keating reported that the new round of construction grants was now available after a year's  
27 break. For 2004, up to \$2 million will be allocated. Last month staff reported only \$90,000 was  
28 programmed. The Governor recently stated the figure was \$2 million. Applications are due  
29 October 1<sup>st</sup> and VTrans has asked the MPO to identify its top two priorities. Members of the  
30 Enhancement review committee agreed to review the Bike/Pedestrian project descriptions as well as  
31 perform their Enhancement application review. The Bike/Pedestrian descriptions are due at the  
32 CCMPO on August 27. Enhancement applications are due August 13 and the review committee  
33 will have their recommendations to the TAC for the September meeting. The Bike/Pedestrian  
34 recommendations will go the TAC in September as well. Peter noted that the required MPO letters  
35 of support for the Enhancement applications were mailed out yesterday. A brief discussion  
36 followed on state policy related to providing bicycle/pedestrian accommodation when road work  
37 takes place.  
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#### 39 **8. TIP Amendments**

40 Christine Forde said that this item was being withdrawn from the agenda as TIP issues between the  
41 CCMPO Board and the state remained unresolved. Christine expected that these proposed  
42 amendments, which would have moved finds from FY04 to FY05, would come back to the TAC for  
43 reconsideration in another month.  
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#### 45 **9. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

46 Dave Roberts gave an update on the infrastructure management project's data dictionary, revealed a  
47 new schedule for orthoimagery product delivery, and gave the status of the transportation model  
48 update. Christine Forde reported on the status of the Shelburne Road bike/ped crossing project.  
49 Susan Smichenko updated the TAC on the I-89 Exit12 and Exit 15 projects, the ITS Plan, and  
50 traffic signal preemption equipment. Peter Keating noted the on-line survey for the US RT 2 bridge  
51 over I-89 asking bicyclists and drivers to comment on the green marking system. He also noted the

1 public meetings for the VTrans rail plan update. Daryl Benoit reported on efforts initiated by South  
2 Hero to add US RT 2 from Colchester to the Islands on to the state designated truck network.

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4 **10. CCMPO July Board Meeting Report**

5 Peter Keating reported on the TIP public hearing on the Winooski Downtown and Circumferential  
6 highway projects, the Board's approval of the FY 05 UPWP, changes to the CCMPO bylaws, and  
7 the decision to not yet warn a public hearing for the proposed FY 05 TIP.

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9 **11. Chairman's/Members' Items**

10 George Gerecke asked if a traffic signal warrant revealed the need for a signal, would that then need  
11 to go through the scoping process. Christine Forde responded yes although the level of scoping for  
12 signal projects was usually much simpler than for other projects. Lew Wetzel asked when the  
13 signals would be installed at I-89 Exit 17. Apparently the signal equipment is on order but not yet  
14 delivered.

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16 The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Keating

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