

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday January 4, 2005
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 Meredith Shuft, Institutions Representative
16 Bryan Osborne, Colchester
17 Mike Coates, Business Representative
18 Stan Hamlet, Underhill
19 Matt Langham, VTrans
20 Dennis Lutz, Essex
21 Andy Legg, Milton
22 Gary Estus, Westford
23 Sonny Audette, South Burlington
24 Bob McEwing, Burlington International Airport
25 Bill McCormick, Intercity Bus Representative
26 Cyndi Humphrey, Jericho
27 Steve Palmer, Winooski
28 Chris Jolly, FHWA
29 Jeff Arango, Essex Junction
30 Murray Benner, SSTA
31 MPO Staff: Peter Keating, Senior Planner
32 Susan Smichenko, Senior Planner
33 Daryl Benoit, Transportation Planner
34 Christine Forde, Senior Planner
35 Dave Roberts, Senior Planner
36 Paul Craven, Project Manager
37 Bill Knight, Executive Director
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39 Chair George Gerecke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
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41 **1. Consent Agenda**

42 There were no items on consent agenda this month.
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44 **2. Approval of Minutes**

45 The minutes of November 3, 2004 were approved without changes.
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47 **3. Public Comments**

48 No members of the public were present.
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4. Airport Drive/Airport Parkway Improvements Scoping Report

Greg Edwards of Dufresne-Henry presented the results from this scoping study which had recently completed selection of the locally preferred alternative and was now under consideration by VTrans Project Development Team (PDT). Greg started by described the geographical extent - Williston Road to VT RT 15 in Colchester - and the project's purpose and need statement. He then displayed typical sections at selected points to illustrate the proposed improvements which include a shared use path and expanded sidewalks. The primary feature of the preferred alternative is a new roadway on an alignment that extends from the existing dead end on Airport Drive northward to a point north of the current Kirby Road intersection where the new road would merge with Airport Parkway. The new road was contrasted with an alternative that improved the existing network. Traffic volumes and costs were compared for each and these were considered by the South Burlington City Council when they selected the new road as the preferred option. It was noted that neighborhood traffic volumes along White Street and Airport Parkway would be reduced by fifty percent when the new road was complete. Bob McEwing explained that many of the houses to be taken for the project were within the noise contours that allowed the Airport to acquire the properties with federal funds. Bryan Osborn wondered if Homeland Security funding might help with this project as it helps link the Airport with Camp Johnson.

5. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan Update

Susan Smichenko introduced Randy Knappick of IBI Group who reported on the status of the update to the regional ITS plan. This work is designed to bring the Chittenden County plan up to date with newer national standards. Randy began with a short definition of ITS and described the project objectives: 1) Identify ITS services based on regional transportation and emergency management needs, 2) define the information flows between the regional groups to support ITS, and 3) identify operations and standards related to ITS deployment. He also described the ITS architecture development process, highlighted the regional ITS architecture website, and demonstrated an ITS operational concept. Randy concluded with a note on how to get involved in the process and that the plan effort would soon be finishing up.

6. Local Match Study for VT General Assembly

Peter Keating reported on the legislatively established summer study committee that the CCMPO was a part of. The premise of the effort was to try and lower the state share of transportation projects by passing along a higher percentage to locals for aspects of projects not deemed to be essential. VTrans looked to other states' similar efforts especially a program recently started in Maine. A theoretical program was constructed and applied to a dozen or more recently completed projects in order to get some idea of the potential saving to the state. The analysis concluded with additional state costs, not savings. VTrans was revising the final report in preparation to deliver it to the legislature this month. It was unclear how the report might influence legislation or lead to further study directives to VTrans.

7. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports

Peter Keating reported that the draft MTP was going to public hearing on January 19. Peter also described progress on the regional TDM plan and its expected completion by the end of the fiscal year. Bill Knight mentioned that this year's UPWP had been established and noted a higher level of interest by Board members in this committee. Bill also noted that the Public Transit Task Force was winding down and would regroup to consider how to next advance the issue of alternative funding for public transportation. Daryl Benoit reported that 2004 traffic count data were now available on line. Dave Roberts said the black and white orthoimagery would be available soon and the color and terrain model were undergoing quality reviews now. He hoped this would be available for distribution in February. He also noted that the travel demand model was being calibrated and the TAC would receive an infrastructure management update next month. Dennis Lutz was hoping that

1 infrastructure management software training would be occurring soon in order to have summer
2 interns ready this summer to use it. Dave feels that February/March training on this is still likely.
3 Susan Smichenko reported on the beginning of the US RT 2 corridor study with a focus on Airport
4 Road to Industrial Avenue, as well as some VTrans safety projects.

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6 **8. CCMPO November and December Board Meeting Reports**

7 Peter Keating reported on Board action/discussions related to TIP amendments, warning the MTP
8 public hearing, Circumferential Highway EIS updates, and the approval of a resolution in support of
9 rail.

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

12 Mike Coates reported that the Vermont Rail Council is recommending a \$25 million investment in
13 rail upgrades between Florence, VT and Palmer, MA. Staff referred a question on the status of the
14 VT RT 15 signal optimization process to CCTA.

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16 The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keating