

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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4 DATE: Tuesday April 5, 2005
5 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: CCMPO Offices, 30 Kimball Avenue, Suite 102, South Burlington, VT
7 Present: George Gerecke, Chair, Williston
8 Polly McMurtry, VTrans
9 Jeanne K. Wilson, Hinesburg
10 Jane Marvin, Senior Representative
11 Dan Bradley, Burlington
12 Meredith Shuft, Institutions Representative
13 Bryan Osborne, Colchester
14 Stan Hamlet, Underhill
15 Matt Langham, VTrans
16 Dennis Lutz, Essex
17 Andy Legg, Milton
18 Bill McCormick, Intercity Bus Representative
19 Meredith Burkett, CCTA
20 Lew Wetzel, CCRPC
21 Cyndi Humphrey, Jericho
22 Gary Estus, Westford
23 MPO Staff: Peter Keating, Senior Planner
24 Susan Smichenko, Senior Planner
25 Daryl Benoit, Transportation Planner
26 Christine Forde, Senior Planner
27 Dave Roberts, Senior Planner
28 Bill Knight, Executive Director
29 CCRPC Staff: Greg Brown
30 Chair George Gerecke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
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32 **1. Consent Agenda**

33 The list of minor FY04 TIP amendments was approved unanimously.
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35 **2. Approval of Minutes**

36 The minutes of March 2, 2005 were approved without changes.
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38 **3. Public Comments**

39 No members of the public were present.
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41 **4. FY06 UPWP**

42 Bill Knight provided the TAC some background information on the development of the coming year's work
43 program, first by noting the TAC members who sat on the UPWP subcommittee – Andy Legg, Dan Bradley,
44 Sonny Audette and Aaron Frank, Polly McMurtry, and Chris Jolly. Bill reported that this year's budget is
45 down in comparison with years past and that Congress' inaction on a transportation bill was partly to blame.
46 He then went over some of the budget highlights and mentioned that an extra \$150,000 might become
47 available should a new transportation bill become law. The Executive Committee has asked that there be a
48 priority task list assembled that would use the new funding when, and if, it becomes available. Bill reported
49 that the work elements this year reflect those of past years - there are no new programs proposed. Areas of
50 focus will be scoping and technical assistance as well as the 2030 MTP. BRYAN OSBORNE MADE A
51 MOTION THE TAC RECOMMEND THE BOARD APPROVE THIS DRAFT UPWP FOR PUBLIC
52 HEARING. DAN BRADLEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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54 **5. Federal Aid System Request**

55 Dave Roberts reported that the Town of Jericho had requested a segment of Browns Trace Road be added to
56 the Federal Aid System (FAS) as a rural collector. This segment lies between the VT RT 15 and Lee River

1 Road intersections and serves Mount Mansfield Union High School. The designation would allow the use of
2 federal funds for projects on the segment. Both the FHWA and VTrans staff responsible for the Federal Aid
3 System and its designation do not object to this recommendation. Following a short discussion, BRYAN
4 OSBORNE MADE A MOTION THE TAC APPROVE THIS REQUEST. THE MOTION WAS
5 SECONDED BY ANDY LEGG AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Dave also distributed map copies of the
6 County's FAS to the members.
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8 **6. Proposed Transit Committee**

9 Peter Keating referred members to the memo in their packet that provided background information. The
10 CCMPO has had a Public Transportation Task Force in effect over the past year working to identify and
11 promote new funding sources for public transportation in the region. The CCMPO was now proposing a new
12 committee, reporting directly to the Board, to continue the efforts to promote, expand and fund public
13 transportation. The committee membership was under discussion and would likely include VTrans, CCTA,
14 Board members and others. The new committee is expected to be in place at the start of the new fiscal year –
15 July 1, 2005. Peter mentioned that TAC member Sonny Audette, a member of the Vermont Public
16 Transportation Advisory Committee, would be interested in serving on the new committee. Bill Knight also
17 added information on the history of the Task Force and the likely role/responsibilities of the new committee.
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19 **7. Speed Profile Demonstration**

20 Daryl Benoit projected the CCMPO website to demonstrate new features and traffic data available to
21 interested parties and the public. He selected traffic and turning movement count data from several locations
22 to show how traffic speed information can now be accessed. Daryl has been making more and more of the
23 CCMPO's traffic data collected over the years available to a wider audience via the web. He also noted a
24 significant increase in web traffic to our site starting last fall.
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26 **8. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

27 Peter Keating called members attention to the handout at their places that promotes Way to Go Week coming
28 up the first week in May. He encouraged TAC members to participate by finding an alternative to the single
29 occupant vehicle for travel that week and asked them to register for the event on-line. He also mentioned
30 that two applications had been received for the sidewalk grant program and that the review committee would
31 be evaluating them in the coming weeks and will have a recommendation to the TAC in May. Christine
32 Forde reported that the FY06 TIP committee would be meeting next week. She also mentioned the air quality
33 presentation the Board received in March and recommended the TAC hear this as well. She briefly
34 addressed the implications should the region fall into non-attainment for air quality. Dave Roberts is seeking
35 more comments from those who participated in the infrastructure management training. These comments are
36 needed before the final revisions to the software are made. Another training session is tentatively scheduled
37 for the last week in May. Dave also reported that the model update is proceeding with the PM peak hour
38 calibrated, and the AM peak hour calibration done soon. The updated model will be used as part of the
39 Circumferential Highway EIS. Related to the Circ., Dave mentioned the recent public meetings and that
40 comments from those would help produce the various alternatives the EIS will examine. The black and white
41 orthoimagery is completed, the color is under review, and the 3D terrain component should be available in
42 two weeks. Susan Smichenko mentioned the VTrans PDT had approved the I-89 Exit 14 improvements and
43 she explained the Exit 12 project taking place this summer. She also noted the Exit 17 technical assistance
44 project soon to start. Daryl passed out a notice from VTrans seeking public comment on their Rail Plan.
45 One of the public meetings will take place at the CCMPO office at 7:00 pm on April 26th.
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47 **9. CCMPO March Board Meeting Report**

48 Peter, Christine and Bill reported that the meeting discussed a TIP amendment public hearing notice, MTP
49 changes to the costs of two transportation alternatives, a legislative proposal to reorganize rail, and adoption
50 of a resolution approving the update to the regional ITS architecture. A general TAC discussion on state rail
51 issues ensued.
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53 The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Peter Keating
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