

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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4 DATE: Tuesday December 6, 2005
5 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: CCMPO Offices, 30 Kimball Avenue, Suite 206, South Burlington, VT
7 Present: George Gerecke, Chair, Williston
8 Polly McMurtry, VTrans
9 Jane Marvin, Senior Representative
10 Dan Bradley, Burlington
11 Meredith Shuft, Institutions Representative
12 Bryan Osborne, Colchester
13 Gary Estus, Westford
14 Matt Langham, VTrans
15 Andy Legg, Milton
16 Dean Pierce, Shelburne
17 Aaron Frank, CCTA
18 Lew Wetzel, CCRPC
19 Dennis Lutz, Essex
20 Stan Hamlet, Underhill
21 Bill McCormick, Inter City Bus Representative
22 Mike Coates, Business Representative
23 Sonny Audette, South Burlington
24 Jeff Arango, Essex Junction
25 MPO Staff: Susan Smichenko, Senior Planner
26 Christine Forde, Senior Planner
27 Peter Keating, Senior Planner
28 Bill Knight, Executive Director
29 Scott Johnstone, Executive Director
30 Dave Roberts, Senior Planner
31 Daryl Benoit, Transportation Planner
32 Others: Karen Akins, CCMPO Safe Routes to School Coordinator
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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**

37 A minor TIP amendment to move \$500,000 in construction funds for the Champlain Parkway from
38 FY07 to FY09 was approved.
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40 **2. Approval of Minutes**

41 The minutes of October 4, 2005 were approved without changes.
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43 **3. Public Comments**

44 No members of the public were present. Chairman Gerecke asked for a round of introductions for
45 the benefit of guest presenter Karen Akins.
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47 **4. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Presentation**

48 Peter Keating provided some background on this project noting it was established in the previous
49 year's work program to find ways to encourage more bicycling and walking at three selected
50 schools. The CCMPO had hired Karen Akins to run the program and she was here to give a status
51 update and tell the TAC what will be happening to finish out the two year pilot program. Karen

1 started her presentation describing the history of the SR2S movement – first overseas then to a few
2 states a few years ago. She also described the details of the CCMPO program and the project
3 steering committee. The three schools are CP Smith in Burlington, Camels Hump Middle in
4 Richmond and Hinesburg Community School. The first step in the project was to establish baseline
5 travel information in order to later measure program achievements. This was done through student
6 and parent surveys and road and sidewalk condition assessment in the schools' vicinity. Karen then
7 described the general types of activities SR2S focuses on – education, encouragement, engineering
8 and enforcement – and gave examples of each. Having completed one full year, Karen displayed
9 some early results in increasing the number of walk trips – especially successful at CP Smith where
10 distances to school and availability of sidewalks have significantly helped. Follow-up school
11 surveys will soon be distributed to gain more information that could help improve future SR2S
12 efforts as well as assess the overall effectiveness of the pilot program. Karen concluded with a
13 description of the new federal SR2S program that VTrans will be administering and suggested ways
14 for interested municipalities/schools to get involved in that program.

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16 **5. MTP Public Opinion Survey Proposal Evaluation**

17 Peter Keating reported that proposals to undertake the opinion survey for the 2030 MTP are due
18 December 16th and asked for TAC volunteers to assist in the proposal evaluation. Dean Pierce,
19 Jane Marvin, Stan Hamlet and Jeff Arango agreed to help. Polly McMurtry will try to get a VTrans
20 staff person involved as well. Peter will distribute the proposals and try to get an evaluation
21 committee consensus recommendation before the next TAC meeting.

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23 **6. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

24 Dave Roberts gave a status report on the CIRC EIS project which led to a larger CIRC discussion
25 that focused on the EIS project cost. Dave also reported on the upcoming transportation model
26 training on 12/14. Daryl Benoit mentioned that the website has been updated with the latest traffic
27 count and intersection turning movement data. Susan Smichenko talked about the US RT 2
28 Corridor project steering committee meeting coming up, the status of the signal optimization project
29 in Burlington and Colchester, I-89 Exit 17 and the Milton design charette. Bill Knight said farewell
30 to the TAC and recounted CCMPO achievements over the past five years. The TAC gave Bill a
31 round of applause.

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33 **7. CCMPO October and November Board Meeting Report**

34 Peter Keating reported that the Board approved Enhancement project priorities, the operating
35 procedures for the MTP advisory committee, and a mid-year adjustment to the UPWP budget.

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37 **8. Chairman's/Members' Items**

38 Polly McMurtry reported on upcoming Transportation Board hearings on SAFETEA-LU. Dennis
39 Lutz recommended that the stormwater earmarks in SAFETEA-LU be administered by the
40 Champlain Water District.

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43 The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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45 Respectfully submitted,

46 Peter Keating

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