

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday May 1, 2007

6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

7 PLACE: CCMPO Offices, 30 Kimball Avenue, Suite 206, South Burlington, VT

8 Present: George Gerecke, Chair, Williston
9 Bill McCormick, Inter City Bus Representative

10 Amy Bell, VTrans

11 Matt Langham, VTrans

12 Jane Marvin, Seniors Representative

13 Jeanne K. Wilson, Vice-Chair Hinesburg

14 Gary Estus, Westford

15 Mike Coates, Business Representative

16 Meredith Schuft, Institutions Representative

17 Dennis Lutz, Essex

18 Bernie Gagnon, Shelburne

19 Dean Bloch, Charlotte

20 Dan Bradley, Burlington

21 Ed Wildman, Huntington

22 Jeff Arango, Essex Junction

23 Andy Legg, Milton

24 MPO Staff: Susan Smichenko, Senior Planner

25 Christine Forde, Senior Planner

26 Peter Keating, Senior Planner

27 Daryl Benoit, Staff Planner

28 Dave Roberts, Senior Planner

29 Scott Johnstone, Executive Director

30 CCRPC Staff: Greg Brown

31 Dan Senecal-Albrecht

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33 Chair George Gerecke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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35 **1. Consent Agenda**

36 A minor TIP amendment item was cancelled.

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38 **2. Approval of Minutes**

39 The minutes of April 3, 2007 were approved without changes.

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41 **3. Public Comments**

42 No members of the public were present.

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44 **4. UPWP Review**

45 Scott Johnstone briefed the committee on UPWP development highlighting the following issues:

46 ? This year's budget is down slightly from last.

47 ? The level of public comment on UPWP development was down compared to last year

48 ? Ramping up on air quality planning

49 ? Managing the Western Corridor study

50 ? Initiating Safe Routes to School lite

51 ? Updating the Bike/Pedestrian Plan

- 1 ? Building bike/pedestrian planning capacity at Local Motion
- 2 ? Enhancing our transportation model by taking it from peak hour based to full day,
- 3 improving air quality modeling capability, and updating travel behavior info.
- 4 ? Technical assistance and scoping remain close to last year's levels.

5 Scott passed around a spreadsheet that revealed the UPWP spending levels as they related to MTP
6 goals. Comments included adding Shelburne's Bay Road bridge to the list of potential scoping
7 projects and to consider a technical assistance program focused on road foremen issues. Following
8 discussion, DAN BRADLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING THE DRAFT
9 UPWP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JANE MARVIN
10 AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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12 **5. Bike/Pedestrian Update**

13 Peter Keating reported that a number of Bike/Pedestrian related issues were coming together at the
14 same time including:

- 15 ? The Summit meeting scheduled for May 12th
- 16 ? Way to Go week which starts May 7
- 17 ? Board approval of the Bike/Pedestrian Committee's operating procedures, and
- 18 ? Announcements for the CCMPO Sidewalk grant program, VTrans Enhancement program
19 and Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant program

20 Peter also asked for volunteers to help review sidewalk grant applications. Mike Coates, Jane
21 Marvin and Amy Bell agreed to help.

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23 **6. Future TAC Agenda Items**

24 Peter explained that the Public Transportation Committee recently undertook this exercise to
25 identify new items for discussion and that staff thought it might be beneficial for the TAC to do the
26 same. Items suggested included:

- 27 ? Forum discussion for towns to share problem issues
- 28 ? Follow up on the innovative financing workshop
- 29 ? New uses for the model to; reveal how projects impact congestion; examine the
30 effectiveness of transit; study "Road to affordability" impacts
- 31 ? Rail/truck issues to include shifting more freight to rail and re-looking at the Middlebury
32 College study
- 33 ? Solid waste impacts on the transportation system
- 34 ? More "hands on" type activities such as tours of facilities or a trucker's perspective on
35 driving
- 36 ? A presentation from UVM's University Transportation Center

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38 **7. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

39 Christine Forde reported that the TIP committee had agreed on a draft document although there was
40 not complete agreement on some project timing. The Exit 12B study was getting underway which
41 will not be full scoping but only an analysis of how the area could be configured to accommodate
42 the proposed ramps. Richmond's Bridge Street Bridge scoping was about to get underway with the
43 local concerns meeting coming up. Susan Smichenko spoke about a draft US RT 2 Corridor plan
44 meeting this week and the decision to subsequently go to a public meeting with the document.
45 When the project is completed they plan to keep a committee together to help advance
46 implementation of its recommendations. Susan also reported on a VT RT 15 stakeholders meeting
47 last week that discussed future conditions and the need to do a morning peak hour analysis.
48 Consultant selection for the Western Corridor study would be taking place tomorrow. Dave Roberts
49 talked about technical assistance to Shelburne that resulted in the closure of a bridge on Harbor
50 Road and a washout on the Main Road in Huntington. He also asked members their thoughts on
51 forming a small resource group of TAC members that could respond to sudden problems in member

1 towns. While the first call under these circumstances should be to the VTrans District office, this
2 small TAC group could also lend their expertise. Daryl Benoit said that four summer interns had
3 been hired and that requests for school area counts were mounting. Any new requests for counts
4 should be brought to his attention as soon as possible. Scott reported that MPO draft bylaws had
5 gone out to municipal managers for comment in anticipation of wider comment and public hearing
6 to follow. He also noted a meeting to discuss Williston issues, including the park and ride, coming
7 up next week. He concluded by mentioning that Michelle had left the MPO staff but would be soon
8 replaced by Bryan Davis. This was also Susan's final day at the MPO which prompted a round of
9 applause for her work over the years.

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11 **8. CCMPO April Board Meeting Report**

12 George Gerecke reported that the Board received a presentation from Lisa Aultmann-Hall on the
13 UVM UTC, heard a Circ. Highway update from project manager Ken Robie, and approved a
14 Western Corridor resolution and the Bike/Ped committee operating procedures.

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

17 Gary Estus asked if the MPO or some other group could explore the possibility of towns joining
18 together to consider purchasing needed equipment. This could improve buying options and
19 promote more efficient use of shared equipment.

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21 The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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23 Respectfully submitted,
24 Peter Keating