

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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4 DATE: Wednesday, March 5, 2008
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 Bill McCormick, Intercity Transit Representative
9 Bernie Gagnon, Shelburne
10 Jeff Arango, Essex Junction
11 Aaron Frank, CCTA
12 Chris Jolly, FHWA
13 Paul Craven, Rail Representative
14 Dean Bloch, Charlotte
15 Andy Legg, Milton
16 Matt Langham, VTrans
17 Marci Ryan, Disabled Community Representative
18 Mike Coates, Business Representative
19 MPO Staff: Peter Keating, Senior Planner
20 Bryan Davis, Staff Planner
21 Jason Charest, Transportation Engineer
22 Eleni Churchill, Senior Planner
23 Dave Roberts, Senior Planner
24 Daryl Benoit, Transportation Planner
25 Others: Tim Fluck, CCRPC
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27 Chair George Gerecke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
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29 **1. Consent Agenda**

30 This item was moved to the deliberative agenda as item #4A – TIP amendments due to a change in the cost
31 information.
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33 **2. Approval of Minutes**

34 The minutes of February 5, 2008 were approved without changes.
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36 **3. Public Comments**

37 Bill McCormick passed out bus models to TAC members and reported that this was his last TAC meeting as
38 Vermont Transit was acquired by another company. MIKE COATES MADE A MOTION THANKING
39 BILL FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TAC AND A LETTER TO THAT AFFECT BE
40 WRITTEN TO HIM. DENNIS LUTZ SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS PASSED
41 UNANIMOUSLY.
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43 **4. CCRPC Substantial Regional Impact Criteria**

44 Peter Keating referred to the memo in the meeting packet and provided further background on how the
45 proposed criteria were revised and refined with input from a TAC subcommittee. Dean Bloch and George
46 Gerecke added their own comments about the process and Tim Fluck provided a synopsis of what other
47 Regional Planning Commissions are doing in this regard. Following further discussion, MIKE COATES
48 MADE A MOTION TO DELETE THE SECOND OF THE CRITERIA (THE 3% TRIP INCREASE). THE
49 MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ANDY LEGG AND PASSED ON A 5 TO 3 VOTE WITH VTRANS
50 ABSTAINING. Discussion followed that revealed the previous action would mean that more developments
51 than anticipated would now fall under the remaining criteria. JEFF ARANGO MADE A MOTION TO
52 RECONSIDER AND ADD BACK THE 3% CRITERIA. BERNIE GAGNON SECONDED THE MOTION
53 AND IT PASSED 5 TO 3. Following further discussion, JEFF ARANGO MADE A MOTION THAT THE
54 3% CRITERIA BE INCREASED TO 5%. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BERNIE GAGNON
55 AND PASSED 5 TO 2 WITH VTRANS ABSTAINING. DEAN BLOCH THEN MADE A MOTION TO
56 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SRI CRITERIA AS REVISED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED
57 BY JEFF ARANGO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH VTRANS ABSTAINING.
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4A. FY2008 – 2011 TIP Amendments

The consent agenda items detailing additional TIP funding for CCTA, SSTA and the Hinesburg VT RT 116 Corridor improvements was moved to this part of the agenda. After a brief explanation from Christine, AARON FRANK MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAC RECOMMEND THE TIP AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MATT LANGHAM AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Scott Johnstone described the process underway to develop next year's work program. The public outreach phase this year produced fewer requests in comparison to last year. The work program budget is stable with last year's and we anticipate few new programs. Staff will be back to the TAC with other updates and a request to recommend approval to the Board.

6. VTrans' Capital Program

Christine Forde went over the summary included in the meeting packet that identified projects in the Capital Program, compared these to the CCMPO's TIP and with last year's Capital Program. Christine urged care in doing the comparison between the TIP and Capital Program because they are different types of documents based on different fiscal years. The Capital Program identifies funding amounts to be spent in the coming year while the TIP lists the years in which funds are expected to be obligated – not necessarily spent. Christine described the status of the Champlain Parkway as surprising since it's moving backward, not forward. Other projects discussed included Milton's Lake Road, the Williston Park and Ride and the Industrial Avenue/US RT 2 intersection.

7. FY2009 – 2011 TIP

Christine reported that it was time to begin development of the new TIP and staff sought TAC volunteers to help with this effort. George Gerecke, Mike Coates, Matt Langham, Aaron Frank, and Chris Jolly agreed to serve.

8. FY2010 Project Prioritization

Christine handed out a list of municipal projects to the respective TAC representatives and asked them to look over their town projects in anticipation of the project prioritization exercise. Staff will return next month with the prioritization for a TAC approval recommendation.

9. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports

Dave Roberts provided updates on: Williston Park and Ride, the Milton Town Core Study, and transportation model proposal review. Bryan Davis reported on: Green Mountain Car Share, Way to Go! Commuter Challenge, the small communities initiative, the Pedestrian/Bike Plan status, and the Public Participation Plan update. Jason Charest addressed the status of the rural safety innovation program and distributed a solicitation of applications for the program issued by USDOT. Eleni Churchill reported that the VT RT 15 Corridor study was nearly finished and progress on the Western Corridor study. Scott mentioned that it appeared to be a sleepy year at the legislature in terms of transportation issues. He also mentioned that the Innovative Financing work was back on track and a meeting coming up on March 31. Bryans and Scott also reported on the 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation and our interest in pursuing this potential new funding source for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

10. Chairman's/Members' Items

Aaron Frank reported that both Milton and Williston voted to join CCTA on Town Meeting Day.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Keating