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Minutes of 3/18/2010 meeting of the City Council Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

Members present: Chair, Karen Paul, Bill Keogh
City Staff: Dan Bradley, Steve Goodkind, DPW
Others: Michele Boomhower, CCMPO
Meredith Birkett, CCTA

Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Public Forum

No members from the public were present.

Minutes

Minutes of 2/2/10 were approved as presented.

Agenda

Chair Paul offered to amend the agenda to move discussion of snow removal to the front of the agenda, but in Councilor Caldwell's absence the item was removed and Steve Goodkind left at 7:10.

CCMPO visit and report

Michele Boomhower, Executive Director of the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) reviewed the activities and recommendations of the CCMPO's Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on Innovative Finance, requesting the committee's support in offering a resolution to the full council supporting the BRC's recommendations of 6/17/2009. They address intergovernmental relationships and recommend the phased development of Regional Transportation Districts Recommendations (RTD) throughout the state; development of an RTD in Chittenden County and development of a sustainable funding source. They also address project delivery and recommend streamlining the permitting and right of way processes, improving design and construction efficiency, and multi year budgeting. (A draft resolution supporting the recommendations is attached.)

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Michele also touched on the Exit 12B financing options study prepared by the Resource Systems Group on behalf of the CCMPO for the Vermont State Legislature; offered a summary of the CCMPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and work product delivered to the City. All documents relating to the CCMPO can be found on their web site <http://www.ccmppo.org>.

Main Street/Williston Road/Route 2 Transit –CCTA

Meredith Birkett from CCTA background information on CCTA's proposed improvements to service in the Route 2 corridor. The service expansion was set as a goal of the City's 2007 Transportation Plan as well as the CCMPO's Route 2 Corridor Study. CCTA began work on these recommendations in June 2009 with public meetings and online survey, followed by Municipal presentations and a CMAQ grant application. CCTA has also held four public hearings proposing the improvements. There will be a second round of public hearings and a final presentation to the CCTA Board in April with implementation slated for June 14, 2010.

The proposed alternative makes no changes to the route structure in Burlington but greatly increases service adding 15 minute headways to the am and pm peaks and extending service day to 11:30 PM. Through service to Williston is streamlined, underutilized service to the airport is reduced and local services are added to South Burlington and refined in Essex Junction.

Proposed parking study draft scope of work

Bradley presented the draft scope for the proposed parking study and advised the committee that some data collection could possibly begin in late spring but that the bulk of the study involving consultants would wait until after July 1 when funds could become available from the CCMPO.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.