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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street

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Members present: Chair, David Hartnett
Maxwell Tracy
Chip Mason

Others present: noted below

Chair Hartnett called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

1. Agenda
Tracy moved to accept. Mason second. All in favor.
2. Public Forum
No public comments.
3. Minutes of 11/20/2012
Mason moved to accept. Tracy second. All in favor.
4. Downtown Transit Center update – Aaron Frank and Bill Watterson, CCTA
Frank: last updated the TEUC in late spring for site selection update. Have since selected St. Paul Street site. Senator Leahy secured funds for facility design in September. Goal to open facility in 2015. Vigorous public process and general support so far.
Mason: NEPA trigger or slow process because of adjacent landscape design?
Frank: adjacent landscaping by Dan Kiley is culturally and historically sensitive. Environmental permitting will require Sec. 106 review concurrent with first 30% of design. CCTA working with Kiley's former professional partner to design facility to complement landscaping. Glass structure will blend into site. Sec. 106 review will determine if site is historically significant. Project can proceed. May have to consider impacts but won't have to move project site.
Hartnett: Cathedral Parish and other adjacent owners supportive? Any issues? Are they involved? Also Ward 2 and 3 and CCTA drivers?

Frank: CCTA meets regularly with the diocese. Feels support so far and share joint interest in getting people to the site. Have attended 2 NPA meetings for Ward 2/3. Have had several meetings with CCTA staff, met drivers on site and have driver on committee.

Hartnett: when will full Council see the project?

Frank: will meet with City staff and Council to determine process for CCTA's use of the public street.

Tracy: room for CCTA growth at site?

Watterson: yes – built project for current capacity which does include slots for future expansion. Need 16 spots now, site will hold 21. Will eventually outgrow but needs will be determined later.

5. Transfer Federal Transit Agency Grant Award – Aaron Frank & Bill Watterson, CCTA: Kirsten Merriman Shapiro, CEDO

Frank: \$2.3 million FTA award to the city. CCTA and the City have similar goals for mobility, congestion, pollution, parking, economic health. CCTA service continues to expand in Chittenden County and beyond, both local and commuter routes. Parking shuttles stagnated. Tried 2 PARC routes – New North End and South End. \$2.3 million identified for South End Transit Center (SETC) at Gilbaine property. Project is not progressing and shuttles are struggling. CCTA does have need to expand: current maintenance facility is at capacity for maintenance, dispatch. SETC would double staff requirements because of need for remote dispatch. CCTA needs additional space at main facility and site is available. (PowerPoint available in online packet)

Hartnett: when would FTA funds be taken from the city if projects don't move forward?

Watterson: likely fall 2014 but the city is constantly under evaluation.

Mason: seems like a win-win shift. Lakeside neighborhood not enthusiastic about SETC. SETC would be a city facility but maybe transit funds should just go to CCTA. Concerned funds will be lost if something doesn't move forward.

Merriman-Shapiro: drafted resolution for Monday's Board of Finance (BOF) and City Council meeting. Asking TEUC to sponsor resolution.

Mason: Memorandum of Understanding between city and CCTA?

Watterson: have draft from City Attorney's office.

Mason move to sponsor resolution for presentation to BOF and full Council next week. Tracy second. All in favor.

6. Exit 14 Intercept Facility Scoping Study – Erin Demers, DPW; Christine Forde, CCRPC

Forde: Federal planning money provided to Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC). Studies are requested by county towns/cities. This project initiated by Campus Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA). Will present work to date. There is no construction funding.

Demers: steering committee and stakeholder committee have progressed study to date. Site is the parking lot behind Sheraton hotel, South Burlington, adjacent to I-89. Have held public meetings, completed traffic modeling and analysis. Have conceptual plan. Site owned by UVM and leased to Sheraton. (PowerPoint presentation available in meeting packet online).

Mason: seems to be putting in place a project similar to one we just got rid of, at SETC. Who owns the process and what are next steps?

Forde: study evaluated who would use the facility, what it could look like. CCTA involved but can't use the site as a transit hub.

Hartnett: would site be successful without slip lane from I-89? Stormwater retention by building slip ramp over wetlands?

Demers: have included VTrans in process and they support slip lane concept. Stormwater management is complicated – concerned that if too much stormwater is treated the wetland would actually dry out.

7. Councilor's updates

Tracy: Monday resolution to full Council regarding tar sands is related to fuel sources for the city and asks DPW to detail fuel types used and refineries utilized. Partnered by President Shannon.

Mason: not keen on TEUC being charged with tracking fossil fuel goals for city.

Tracy: can DPW explain process for obtaining recycling totes and requirements for property owners?

Losch: DPW offers 65-gallon wheeled recycling bins for one-time fee of \$48 and change.

Acquired through grant, restrictions for keeping containers in Burlington. Applications available to property owners, not tenants. Have heard of complications for areas with heavy student populations. Encouraging UVM to work with property owners rather than DPW working with UVM.

Mason: red tape complications – work arounds can be found. Also, deadline for required composting in the city?

Losch: as best we know, all public trash bins must have adjacent recycling bin by summer 2014. Working with Chittenden Solid Waste District to determine financial need to meet new state requirement. Similar requirement for composting by 2015 for large generators of compostable materials – schools, restaurants, etc. Not aware of residential or municipal requirements for compost.

Mason motion to adjourn. Tracy second. All in favor.

Adjourned at 6:22 pm