



## MEETING NOTES

### CCMPO Park and Ride Plan Advisory Committee

#### Meeting #4 - June 22, 2010

**Prepared:** June 22, 2010 by Joe Segale, edited by Peter Keating

**Committee Members Present:** George Gerecke-Committee Chair, Williston; Wayne Davis, Amy Bell (via conference call), VTrans; Meredith Birkett, CCTA; Bob Penniman, CATMA; Dan Bradley, Burlington DPW; Michelle Boomhower, Peter Keating, Christine Forde, CCMPO; Joe Segale, Resource Systems Group.

Peter Keating welcomed meeting participants and started the meeting.

#### **Comments on Project Memorandum #3-Park and Ride Survey Results (June 18, 2010 Draft)**

Joe Segale provided a PowerPoint that summarized the findings of the survey. The following comments were offered:

- Joe Segale noted that the survey under represents the residents and workers in the North corridor, which also happens to be the largest commuter shed for Chittenden County. Bob Penniman offered to provide data from the CATMA survey for additional feedback from that corridor. Michelle Boomhower offered assistance from the CCMPO counting interns to conduct parking utilization counts at the existing park and rides in the North corridor. Joe Segale will provide a list of recommended locations.
- The results of the survey indicate that social/recreational trips represent a significant share of park and ride use. Wayne Davis noted that the use may be somewhat skewed by the large number of respondents that use the Richmond park and ride lot, and that use probably varies between different facilities. Wayne also noted that quantifying demand for social/recreational use has been a challenge in the past. Michelle Boomhower noted that the wave of Baby Boomer retirees may increase the use of park and rides for social/recreational uses.
- Joe Segale highlighted one comment from a tour bus company that uses a park and ride to pick up customers. There was general agreement that it is appropriate for private tour bus operators to use park and rides, and is a way in which park and rides can support the tourism industry.
- There were several comments about partnering with commercial land owners to use their parking lots. Wayne pointed out the challenges associated with parking requirements in zoning regulations. Bob pointed out that partnerships depend on municipalities with parking ordinances that allow for the consideration of shared parking and TDM programs.
- Joe noted that the general comments added some weight to the issue of security at park and ride lots.

#### **Goals and Policies**

The draft goals and policies were reviewed. Joe Segale will prepare another draft that incorporates the following comments:

- Should be referred to as Goals and Objectives

- Organize Goal 1-Expand Multimodal Options so that it addresses modes and amenities specific to Intercept and Park and Ride Facilities
- Relative to Goal 1-Expand Multimodal Options , Meredith Birkett noted that CCTA’s Transit Development Plan is almost complete and strongly supports the location of new park and rides/intercept facilities along existing transit routes, as opposed to expanding transit service to lots that are not already on an existing route. Meredith stated that CCTA feels strongly that the goal to locate new park and rides along existing transit routes must be part of the Park and Ride plan.
- When a goal or objective applies to both park and ride and intercept lots, use the term “facilities”.
- Objective 4.1 is wordy and a bit unclear. Needs to clarify that the congestion of concern is at the entrance to a park and ride/intercept.
- Goal 4-Provide Safe and Efficient Access for all users should include an objective related to meeting the needs of cultural and ethnic diversity, particularly related to language.
- Goal 6-Support the Economy needs more work. Its objectives should focus on serving businesses/employers and maybe tourism.
- Add Objective 7.2 to make accommodations for future alternative fuel vehicles

**Next Steps**

- Joe Segale will provide a list of park and rides in the North corridor that should be counted.
- Bob Penniman and Meredith will provide additional data from their sources as available to help better describe demand in the North commuter shed
- Joe Segale will revise the Goals and Objectives and prepare a first cut at the prioritization process for review at the July meeting

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting**

- Thursday, July 29, 2010, 9:30 AM CCMPO offices

