

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Lott and City Council

From: Jon Rauscher, Public Works Director

Cc: City Manager, Finance Director

Re: **FY21' Chittenden County Regional Planning (CCRPC) FY'22 Annual Work Plan Application**

Date: January 19, 2021

We are requesting authorization to submit an application to the CCRPC for its annual work plan grant funding. The request would be for CCRPC and their selected professional transportation engineer to support the city in drafting a traffic calming policy for the City of Winooski. CCRPC recommends the application request amount to be \$50,000. The city match requirement for this grant would be \$10,000 (20% local match).

During this summer and fall we received a number of requests to review potential excessive vehicle speeds and make necessary physical improvement to limit speeding. Enforcement was believed to be inadequate to change driver behavior.

This type of request is typically reviewed under a traffic calming policy which provides a formal and transparent framework for addressing these types of issues. The City does not currently have any type on policy related to traffic calming.

Preparation and consideration of a traffic calming policy was added to the current city work plan. Development of a traffic calming policy is also listed as an action item in the City's Transportation Masterplan.

During initial discussions with CCRPC, we reviewed working with their internal staff to try and draft a policy. However, based on further discussions with CCRPC, it was recommended we utilize the UPWP funds to perform this task. The UPWP process would accommodate a more robust public outreach effort, keep the task on a limited timeframe for completion, and provide support from a professional transportation engineer experienced in drafting these policies.

