



Resolution
Winooski's Public Comment on the
Transportation Climate Initiative Memorandum of Understanding

Whereas, climate change is an urgent concern impacting many facets of life in Vermont; and

Whereas, the State of Vermont is participating in collaboration with 12 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia seeking to improve transportation, develop the clean energy economy and reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector; and

Whereas, a "Memorandum of Understanding" is being drafted to design a program framework; and

Whereas, the State of Vermont would be the Participating Jurisdiction in the TCI MOU; and

Whereas, the Jurisdiction would participate in and fund a Regional Organization responsible for program administration and identifying shared or common priorities for investment of proceeds; and

Whereas, each Signatory Jurisdiction agrees that it is a shared priority to expand low-carbon and clean mobility options in urban, suburban, and rural communities, particularly for populations and communities that are disproportionately adversely affected by climate change and transportation pollution and currently underserved by the transportation system; and

Whereas, the City of Winooski seeks to pursue and support alternative energy generation, efficiency and weatherization programs, and electrification of the transportation fleet with the community and in line with the State's Comprehensive Energy Plan goals; and

Whereas; the City of Winooski's zoning and land use regulations incentivize dense development patterns that are transit and pedestrian oriented as well as development of alternative transportation facilities; and

Whereas, 38% of Winooski residents utilize public transportation, carpools, bicycles and walking for their commute and 12% of residents do not own a car; and

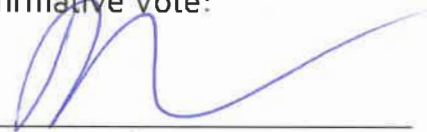
Whereas, the City of Winooski supports 'complete streets', safe and inviting walkable connections throughout the City and to neighboring communities with sidewalks, crosswalks, greenways and streetscape amenities; and

Whereas, the City of Winooski seeks to enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular connectivity within Winooski and to adjacent towns, and improve transit access, frequency and reliability to enable independence, social connection, and access to necessary services for all residents; and

Whereas, the City of Winooski practices Smart Growth through transit-oriented development, high-priority multi-modal projects, density and sustainable growth; and

Now, Therefore, the City of Winooski declares support for the Transportation Climate Initiative as a State framework that improves public transit infrastructure, increases range and quality of options, supports smart patterns of development and connects cities and towns across Vermont, reducing barriers to access and increasing economic vitality while reducing emissions and air pollution, providing health benefits to all Vermonters, without creating new unfunded mandates.

Affirmative Vote:



Mayor



Councilor



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X

Adopted

Rejected



Attest (City Clerk)
February 18, 2020

Approved Date