

1 * * * Burlington International Airport Study Committee; Report * * *

2 Sec. X. BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STUDY

3 COMMITTEE; REPORT

4 (a) Project addition. The following project is added to the Agency of
5 Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Program for
6 Aviation: Burlington International Airport Study.

7 (b) Authorization.

8 (1) Spending authority for the Burlington International Airport Study is
9 authorized as follows:

10	<u>FY23</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
11	Other	0	150,000	150,000
12	Total	0	150,000	150,000
13	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
14	State	0	150,000	150,000
15	Total	0	150,000	150,000

16 (2) Spending authority for South Burlington AV-FY18-001 is amended
17 as follows:

18	<u>FY23</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
19	Const	12,650,000	12,650,000	0
20	Total	12,650,000	12,650,000	0

1	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
2	State	500,000	350,000	-150,000
3	Federal	11,385,000	11,385,000	0
4	Local	765,000	915,000	150,000
5	Total	12,650,000	12,650,000	0

6 (3) The note for the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year
7 2023 Transportation Program for Aviation is amended to read as follows:
8 “Appropriation excludes \$11,385,000 of FAA Funds and \$915,000 of Local
9 Funds (South Burlington AV-FY18-001, BTV Match).”

10 (c) Creation. There is created the Burlington International Airport Study
11 Committee to examine the existing governance structure and alternatives to the
12 existing governance structure of the Burlington International Airport (Airport)
13 and to report the Committee’s findings and recommendations.

14 (d) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following nine
15 voting members and two nonvoting members:

16 (1) one voting member appointed by the Governor;

17 (2) one voting member designated by the mayor of the City of
18 Burlington;

19 (3) one voting member designated by the city council of the City of
20 Burlington;

1 (4) one voting member designated by the city council of the City of

2 South Burlington;

3 (5) one voting member designated by the mayor of the City of

4 Winooski;

5 (6) one voting member designated by the Chittenden County Regional

6 Planning Commission to represent individuals, such as Black, Indigenous, and

7 Persons of Color (BIPOC), immigrant, individuals with low income, and

8 individuals residing in “disadvantaged communities” as defined in federal

9 Executive Order 14008, “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad,”

10 adversely affected by the Airport;

11 (7) one voting member designated by the Chittenden County Regional

12 Planning Commission to represent the general aviation organizations at the

13 Airport;

14 (8) the Secretary of Transportation or designee, who shall be a voting

15 member;

16 (9) one voting member designated by the President and CEO of the Lake

17 Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce;

18 (10) the current, including acting or interim, Director of Aviation for the

19 Airport or designee, who shall be a nonvoting member of the Committee; and

20 (11) the Director of the Chittenden County Regional Planning

21 Commission or designee, who shall be a nonvoting member of the Committee.

1 (e) Assistance; consultant.

2 (1) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
3 assistance of the Agency of Transportation, which shall contract with an
4 independent third-party consultant with expertise in airport governance and
5 may contract with an additional person to serve as a neutral facilitator for the
6 Committee if such assistance cannot be provided by an employee or employees
7 of the Agency of Transportation.

8 (2) The Agency of Transportation shall work with the Committee to
9 prepare a request for information and a request for proposal for the retention of
10 the independent third-party consultant that is contracted with pursuant to
11 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

12 (f) Powers and duties. The Committee, with the assistance of the
13 consultant retained as required under subsection (e) of this section, shall:

14 (1) examine the advantages and disadvantages of each of the following
15 options identified in the June 10, 2013 recommendations of the Burlington
16 International Airport Strategic Planning Committee:

17 (A) retaining the existing governance structure of the Airport;

18 (B) having the State take over the Airport as a State-owned airport;

19 (C) vesting the Board of Airport Commissioners for the Airport with
20 governance authority over the Airport; and

1 (D) creating and transitioning governance of the Airport to a regional
2 airport authority;

3 (2) examine the advantages and disadvantages of any additional
4 governance structure options for the Airport recommended by the consultant or
5 identified by a majority of the voting members of the Committee as warranting
6 study;

7 (3) identify any other issue relating to the governance of the Airport that
8 a majority of the voting members of the Committee determine warrants study;
9 and

10 (4) make recommendations on the governance structure of the Airport as
11 supported by a majority of the voting members of the Committee.

12 (g) Report; recommendations. On or before January 15, 2024, the
13 Committee shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with its
14 findings and recommendations. Any recommendations from the Committee
15 shall address how to ensure that there are not negative financial impacts on the
16 City of Burlington.

17 (h) Meetings.

18 (1) The Secretary of Transportation or designee shall call the first
19 meeting of the Committee to occur on or before September 30, 2022.

20 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its voting members
21 at the first meeting.

1 (3) A majority of the voting membership of the Committee shall
2 constitute a quorum.

3 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 16, 2024.

4 (i) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are
5 not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated
6 or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation
7 and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not
8 more than six meetings.