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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), immigrants, 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) review prior reports and recommendations prepared on the  
15 governance structure of the Airport, including the January 1, 2020  
16 memorandum from Eileen Blackwood, Burlington City Attorney to Mayor  
17 Miro Weinberger and the City Council regarding Burlington International  
18 Airport and Regional Governance Questions; the June 10, 2013 Burlington  
19 International Airport, Airport Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations  
20 (Airport Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations); and the December  
21 1985 Final Report of the Burlington Airport Study Group;

1           (2) examine the advantages and disadvantages of each of the options  
2           identified in the Airport Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations;

3           (3) 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           (4) 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          (5) 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.