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2 Senators Perchlik, Mazza, Chittenden, Ingalls and Kitchel move that the  
3 Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment to the Senate proposal of  
4 amendment with further proposals of amendment as follows:

5 First: In Sec. 2, fiscal year 2023 transportation investments, by striking out  
6 subdivision (8)(D) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision  
7 (8)(D) to read as follows:

8 (D) eBike Incentives. Sec. 5(d) of this act authorizes \$50,000.00 for  
9 eBike incentives and capped administrative costs.

10 Second: In Sec. 5, vehicle incentive programs, by striking out subsection  
11 (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (d) to read as  
12 follows:

13 (d) eBike Incentives. The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$50,000.00  
14 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on an eBike incentive program.

15 Third: By striking out Sec. 17, Burlington International Airport Working  
16 Group; report, and its corresponding reader assistance heading in their  
17 entireties and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 \* \* \* Burlington International Airport **Working Group**; Report \* \* \*

19 Sec. 17. BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT **WORKING**

20 **GROUP**; REPORT

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

4           (b) Authorization.

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

7	<u>FY23</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
8	Other	0	100,000	100,000
9	Total	0	100,000	100,000
10	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
11	State	0	10,000	10,000
12	Federal	0	90,000	90,000
13	Total	0	100,000	100,000

14           (2) Spending authority for Statewide (Aviation Operations &  
15           Maintenance) is amended as follows:

16	<u>FY23</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
17	Other	1,216,303	1,206,303	-10,000
18	Total	1,216,303	1,206,303	-10,000
19	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
20	State	1,216,303	1,206,303	-10,000
21	Total	1,216,303	1,206,303	-10,000

1           (3) The City of Burlington, which is the sponsor of the Burlington  
2           International Airport, and the Agency of Transportation shall work together to  
3           secure a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to cover the  
4           \$90,000.00 in federal monies authorized for expenditure under subdivision (1)  
5           of this subsection for the Burlington International Airport Study.

6           (c) Creation. There is created the Burlington International Airport Working  
7           Group (Working Group) to examine the existing governance structure and  
8           alternatives to the existing governance structure of the Burlington International  
9           Airport (Airport) and to report the Working Group's findings and  
10           recommendations.

11           (d) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following  
12           nine voting members and two nonvoting members:

13           (1) one voting member appointed by the Governor, who shall be the  
14           Chair of the Working Group;

15           (2) one voting member designated by the mayor of the City of  
16           Burlington;

17           (3) one voting member designated by the city council of the City of  
18           Burlington;

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

1           (5) one voting member designated by the mayor of the City of  
2           Winooski;

3           (6) one voting member designated by the city council of the City of  
4           Burlington, in consultation with the mayor of the City of Burlington, to  
5           represent individuals, such as Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color  
6           (BIPOC), immigrants, individuals with low income, and individuals residing in  
7           “disadvantaged communities” as defined in federal Executive Order 14008,  
8           “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad,” adversely affected by the  
9           Airport;

10           (7) one voting member designated by the city council of the City of  
11           South Burlington to represent the general aviation organizations at the Airport;

12           (8) the Secretary of Transportation or designee, who shall be a voting  
13           member;

14           (9) one voting member designated by the President and CEO of the Lake  
15           Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce;

16           (10) the current, including acting or interim, Director of Aviation for the  
17           Airport or designee, who shall be a nonvoting member of the Working Group;  
18           and

19           (11) the Director of the Chittenden County Regional Planning  
20           Commission or designee, who shall be a nonvoting member of the Working  
21           Group.

1           (e) Assistance; consultant.

2           (1) The **Working Group** shall have the administrative, technical, and  
3 legal 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 **Working Group** if such assistance cannot be provided by an employee or  
7 employees of the Agency of Transportation.

8           (2) The Agency of Transportation shall work with the **Working Group** 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 **Working Group**, 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) discuss current issues of regional concern regarding the Airport,  
2           explore opportunities for regional collaboration regarding the Airport, and  
3           analyze what actions, including but not limited to a change in the governance  
4           structure, could address any issues of regional concern regarding the Airport;

5           (3) examine the advantages and disadvantages of each of the options  
6           identified in the Airport Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations;

7           (4) examine the advantages and disadvantages of any additional  
8           governance structure options for the Airport recommended by the consultant or  
9           identified by a majority of the voting members of the Working Group as  
10          warranting study;

11          (5) identify any other issue relating to the governance of the Airport that  
12          a majority of the voting members of the Working Group determine warrants  
13          study; and

14          (6) make recommendations on the governance structure of the Airport or  
15          opportunities for regional collaboration regarding the Airport, or both, as  
16          supported by a majority of the voting members of the Working Group.

17          (g) Reports; recommendations.

18          (1) The Chair of the Working Group shall provide an oral report  
19          outlining the Working Group's progress, including a summary of the  
20          membership of the Working Group, the process of retaining the required  
21          consultant, and anything else the Chair thinks will have bearing on the final

1 report and recommendations, to the House and Senate Committees on  
2 Transportation in February 2023.

3 (2) On or before January 15, 2024, the Working Group shall submit a  
4 written report to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations.  
5 Any recommendations from the Working Group shall address how to ensure  
6 that there are not negative financial impacts on the City of Burlington.

7 (h) Meetings.

8 (1) The Chair of the Working Group shall call the first meeting of the  
9 Working Group to occur on or before September 30, 2022.

10 (2) A majority of the voting membership of the Working Group shall  
11 constitute a quorum.

12 (3) The Working Group shall cease to exist on January 16, 2024.

13 (i) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Working Group  
14 who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise  
15 compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem  
16 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A.  
17 § 1010 for not more than six meetings.

18 Fourth: In Sec. 21, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 2(8)(D) and (E), in  
19 subdivision (E), by striking out “\$200.00” and inserting in lieu thereof ~~\$200.00~~

20 Fifth: By striking out Sec. 23, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 28(b),  
21 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 23 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 23. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 28 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 28. ELECTRIC BICYCLE INCENTIVES

3 (a) Implementation. The Agency of Transportation, ~~in consultation with~~  
4 ~~Vermont electric distribution utilities~~, shall expand upon the vehicle incentive  
5 programs established under 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as  
6 amended, to provide a ~~\$200.00 incentive to~~ 250 incentives to individuals who  
7 purchase a new electric bicycle. Specifically, the Program shall:

8 (1) distribute ~~\$200.00~~ incentives on a first-come, first-served basis after  
9 the Agency announces that incentives are available;

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11 (b) Authorization.

12 (1) In fiscal year 2022, the Agency is authorized to spend up to  
13 \$50,000.00 in one-time Transportation Fund monies on the electric bicycle  
14 incentives and up to \$5,000.00 on the costs associated with developing and  
15 administering the electric bicycle incentives.

16 (2) If less than \$5,000.00 is expended on administrative costs associated  
17 with developing and administering the electric bicycle incentives under  
18 subdivision (1) of this subsection, then the balance of that \$5,000.00 shall only  
19 be authorized for startup costs, outreach education, and costs associated with  
20 developing and administering the Replace Your Ride Program in addition to  
21 the authorization in Sec. 27(d) of this act.