

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

3 **DRAFT Minutes**

4 **July 25, 2017**

5 Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office
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Attendees:

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| X | Barre City: Scott Bascom | | Northfield: Jeff Schultz |
| | Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen | X | Orange: Lee Cattaneo |
| | Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair | | Plainfield: Bob Atchinson |
| X | Cabot: Karen Deasy | X | Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico |
| | Calais: David Ellenbogen | X | Waitsfield: Don La Haye |
| | Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush | | Warren: Camilla Behn |
| X | East Montpelier: Frank Pratt | | Washington: Ray McCormack |
| X | Fayston: Kevin Russell | X | Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair |
| | Marshfield: Vacant | | Williamstown: Vacant |
| X | Middlesex: Ronald Krauth | | Woodbury: Vacant |
| X | Montpelier: Dona Bate | X | Worcester: Bill Arrand |
| | Moretown: Joyce Manchester | X | Staff: Daniel Currier |

8 Guests: Zoe Neaderland and Dave Pellettier (VTrans), Chris Loyer (GMT)

9 Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Introductions were completed.

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11 It was noted that a quorum of member is not present at the meeting. So all voting would have to be a
12 consensus vote.

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14 **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

15 None

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17 **Public Comments:**

18 None.

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20 **Approval of June TAC Minutes:**

21 Minutes were reviewed. Corrections were made and they asked for a review by Ashley Andrews staff
22 at CVRPC to help fill in some more details to the motions. S Lotspeich requested a concessive vote on
23 the minutes as updated which the TAC confirmed.

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25 **Presentation on Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan**

26 Dave Pellettier presented to the TAC on the VTrans Long Range Transportation Plan. This plan is
27 currently being updated by VTrans and helps to guide the transportation decision making and

1 investment over the next 20 years. The Plan also helps to link all the other plans at VTrans together for
2 instance the Bike and Pedestrin Plan. Dave started by reviewing the Purpose, Schedule, and Goals of the
3 Plan. He expects a draft plan ready for review in early spring at which time he will come back and give a
4 2nd presentation to the TAC. The TAC members asked the following questions or made the following
5 suggestion/statements.

6 Q: You mentioned an external stakeholder groups. Is that list of people available?

7 A: Yes I have that and can pass it along

8 Q: Aren't there also rail trails that are State owned and operates?

9 A: Yes

10 C: The TAC suggested switch the arrows on slide 11 to the positive up direction

11 S: The TAC wondered as the population changes and ages that older people will drive less.

12 Q: Does the number of VMT include large trucks and freight and I wonder what those trends show and
13 what the diesels use is?

14 A: It does not and I will look into that to see what the trends are.

15 S: For electric car use and charging stations it's important to also reflect the source of the electricity and
16 that this really only make sense if we have renewable sources for our electricity.

17 Q: Why did you only include commercial airline? Why no include private air travel?

18 A: Not sure why and I will find out.

19 Q: RPC and staffs are not on the external stakeholders groups? Why are they not on the list?

20 A: They are and we have included them they just don't show on the list you have. I will add them to the
21 list. I will also talk with VAPDA about including another one or two transportation planners from the
22 RPCs.

23 Q: Do you have any direction from the nation level so we know what to be prepared for?

24 A: No but we are in constant contact with our national Delegation so we can be ready.

25 S: What is a runway mile and I don't think we have 90 miles or runway in the State.

26 A: I will check on that number
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28 **Distribution of Extra Transportation Study Funds**

29 The TAC talked about transportation planning special funds. Waterbury does not feel that this funding
30 would be enough to get their project started so they passed. The TAC next talked with Chris Loyer from
31 GMT about the special transportation funding and how they could use the \$6000. GMT would utilize
32 \$4000 of the \$6000 for their customer service survey and they could use the \$2000 to work on a portion
33 of their evaluation and planning of Central VT routes and services. S Lotspeich requested a concessive
34 vote on having GMT use these funds on their customer service survey and their evaluation and planning
35 of Central VT routes and services which the TAC confirmed with reservations. Some TAC members
36 didn't feel that the survey sample size of 100 riders was enough and that it may only prove what GMT
37 already knows about its service.
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39 **Transportation Updates:**

40 D Currier reviewed the updates with the TAC.
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42 **TAC Member Concerns:**

43 TAC member asked staff to look into getting a digital tape recorder to tape the TAC meetings.
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45 TAC member asked to get an update from Cross VT Trail on their work. Staff will request they come to
46 our September meeting to give an update.
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1 TAC talked about their concerns from last meeting and the lack of visibility for the night road work going
2 on in the region. (Specifically that at night it was very hard to read the stop/slow signs that the flaggers
3 are holding). Staff will reach out to VTrans with these concerns and find out what can be done.
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5 **Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting:**

6 Cross VT Trail Update

7 Schedule a field trip to a local project. Some ideas included the Barre City Rail Line Improvements,
8 airport, or the East Montpelier Village sidewalks, park and ride, and bridge work.
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10 **Adjourn:**

11 The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.