



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office
29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier

6:15 pm - Social & Pizza

*Action Item

Page **AGENDA**

6:30 Introductions

Adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comments

2 **6:35 Approve July 25 TAC Minutes** (enclosed)*

4 **6:40 GMT Next Generation Plan Presentation**

5 **7:40 East Montpelier and Orange Intersections Study Update**

6 **8:00 Transportation Updates** (enclosed)

An opportunity for TAC members to ask questions about the updates.

8:05 TAC Member Concerns

Roundtable for any issues, questions, and town updates from TAC members.

8:25 Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting

8:30 Adjourn

Future TAC Meeting Agendas

Below is a preview of upcoming TAC meeting agendas for consideration by the TAC.

November

- **Review of Municipal Transportation Study Projects**

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

DRAFT Minutes

September 26, 2017

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

X	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Jeff Schultz
	Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen		Orange: Lee Cattaneo
X	Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair	X	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Cabot: Karen Deasy	X	Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico
X	Calais: David Ellenbogen	X	Waitsfield: Don La Haye
X	Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush	X	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
X	Moretown: Joyce Manchester	X	Staff: Daniel Currier, Matt Germaine

Guests: Zoe Neaderland (VTrans), Gary Santy (Stantec for VTrans), Jill Barrett (VTrans Public Outreach Coordinator), and Peter Johnke

Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. Introductions were completed.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

None

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of June TAC Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and corrections where made. Scott motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention.

East Montpelier Park and Ride Update

Gary Santy of Stantec provided an update to the TAC on the status of the park and ride construction. The Park and Ride is nearly finished and could be open an early as November

East Montpelier Village Side Walk Update

1 Kevin Russell, East Montpelier Local Project Manager, provided an update to the TAC on the status of
2 the East Montpelier Village Sidewalk project. The sidewalk project is proceeding and is currently in the
3 right of way phase of the project.
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5 **East Montpelier VT Route 14 Bridge Reconstruction Update**

6 Jill Barrett, VTrans Public Outreach Coordinator for the project, provided an update to the TAC on the
7 status of the East Montpelier VT Route 14 Bridge Reconstruction. The work on Route 2 to remove the
8 concrete slabs is complete and the contractor has started installing the pylons for the temporary bridge.
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10 After the updates were completed the TAC proceeded outside to tour the three project areas.
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12 **Adjourn:**

13 The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.



MEMO

Date: October 24, 2017

To: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Daniel Currier, Program Manager

Re: Presentation on GMT Next Generation Plan and Route Scenarios

Request

Staff requests TAC provide comments to GMT on the Next Generation Plan and Route Service Scenarios.

Green Mountain Transit is approximately halfway through its Comprehensive Service Analysis (CSA) also known as the GMT NextGen Transit Plan. The goal of GMT's work is to improve service throughout its service area, which includes the greater Burlington, Montpelier, Barre, Stowe, Mad River Valley, and St. Albans regions. The plan consists of a number of elements, all of which are designed to ensure that GMT provides the best service possible.

These changes will be designed to improve service for existing riders, and attract new riders to transit. Some of the most important goals of this work include:

- making transit more convenient and accessible;
- connecting people to life's activities (work, school, medical care, etc.);
- improving people's quality of life; and, providing service in a financially and environmentally sustainable manner

The Capital District Service Scenarios can be viewed by visiting - <http://ridegmt.com/wp-content/uploads/GMT-Service-Improvement-Scenarios-Capital-District-170926.pdf>

Route by route profiles can be viewed by visiting - <http://ridegmt.com/route-profiles/>

Visit <http://ridegmt.com/nextgen> for more information on the Next Generation Plan.

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Re: East Montpelier and Orange Intersections Study Update

Staff will give an update to the TAC on the East Montpelier and Orange Intersections Study that is under way and the preferred alternatives that the municipalities have selected.

East Montpelier

This study is examining the most appropriate ways to increase safety for motorists, bicyclists, and walkers at the intersection of Gallison Hill Road and Brazier Road with Towne Hill Road in the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont.

To download a copy of the East Montpelier alternatives summary click here:

<http://broadreachpd.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/East-Montpelier-Intersections-Alternatives-10-10-17-full-s.pdf>

To download the East Montpelier Existing Conditions Report click here:

<http://broadreachpd.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/East-Montpelier-Intersections-Existing-Conditions-9-6-17.pdf>

Orange

This study is examining the most appropriate ways to increase safety for motorists well as for bicyclists and walkers on Reservoir Road at the intersection with Lords Road in the Town of Orange, Vermont.

To download a copy of the Orange alternatives summary click here:

<http://broadreachpd.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Orange-Intersection-Alternatives-10-12-17-Full-s.pdf>

To download the Orange Existing Conditions Report click here: <http://broadreachpd.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Orange-Intersections-Existing-Conditions-9-6-17.pdf>

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

October 24, 2017

These updates are aimed at keeping the TAC informed about potential modifications to State programs and practices that may affect transportation, CVRPC transportation initiatives, VT's Clean Water Act, and other news that may be of interest.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Awards

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) announced \$3.3 million in grants to municipalities for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvement projects, through VTrans' Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. To learn more about the program and see a complete list of this year's grant recipients visit: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>

In Central Vermont we had 4 communities receive grants including:

- Montpelier who was awarded \$18,000 for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
- Barre who was awarded \$92,400 for East Barre Sidewalk Additional Funds
- Plainfield who was awarded \$118,960 for the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge/US 2 South Sidewalk Project Additional Funds
- Waterbury who was awarded \$193,600 for the Colbyville Pedestrian Access Phase I Design/Construction.

Congratulation to these four communities.

Better Connections Grant

As part of an ongoing partnership to revitalize community centers and increase transportation options, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) are pleased to announce the Better Connections (BC) Grant Program is accepting applications.

Annually, the program grants approximately \$200,000 in planning funds to help cities and towns (outside of Chittenden County) build more livable, walkable and strong communities. Grant Applications are due January 31, 2018 with all applicants required to participate in a pre-application meeting with BC Program Managers prior to December 31, 2017.

For more information, contact Richard Amore at 802-828-5229 or Jackie Cassino, at 802-272-2368 and visit the grant website vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/projects-programs/better-connections.