

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

2 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

3 **Minutes**

4 **October 24, 2017**

5 Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

6 **Attendees:**

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

7 **Attendees:**  
8 Guests: Zoe Neaderland (VTrans), Jamie Smith (GMT), and Chris Loyer (GMT)

9 Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Introductions were completed.

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11 **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

12 TAC members noted that the agenda had the July meeting minutes listed and it should be the  
13 September meeting minutes.

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15 **Public Comments:**

16 Dan introduced a memo from Eric Vorwald on the Draft Regional Energy Plan which is currently out for  
17 public comment.

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19 **Approval of September TAC Minutes:**

20 Minutes were reviewed and corrections where made. Frank motioned to accept the minutes as  
21 corrected. Don seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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23 **GMT Next Generation Plan Presentation**

24 Chris Loyer of GMT presented on the Next Generations plan and the Capital District Scenarios. TAC  
25 members questioned GMT on the fuels used by the busses and if GMT had any electric busses. GMT’s  
26 buses us gasoline and diesel fuel and GMT has received a grant to add electric busses to their fleet.  
27 Do the electric busses have a longer life? Yes they do. GMT currently replaces its busses every 12 years.

1 During the presentation GMT reviewed each of the Capital District routes and scenarios. The routes that  
2 where reviewed included: City Mid-Day, Barre Hospital Hill, Montpelier Hospital Hill, Montpelier  
3 Circulator, Barre Circulator, City Commuter, Capital Shuttle, UVM/CVMC Barre Health Shuttle, Plainfield  
4 Health Center Shuttle, Hannaford Shopping Special, and the Northfield Community Shuttle.

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6 S. Bascom highlighted the importance of improving the bus service to South Barre and having  
7 connections to the ball fields, playground, Barre City Elementary and Middle School, and Hannaford's.  
8 GMT staff said they would look into add that service expansion.

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10 The TAC members asked questions of GMT about ADA service, expansion of a bus route up 302, having  
11 the Link Bus run on the weekend, bike racks on buses, and a drop off and pick up at the Montpelier  
12 Amtrak station.

#### 13 14 **East Montpelier and Orange Intersections Study Update**

15 Dan presented on the East Montpelier and Orange intersection study. The consultant has completed  
16 the existing conditions report for both intersections and a draft alternatives analysis. The draft  
17 alternative analysis have both been presented to the selectboards of East Montpelier and Orange and  
18 they have both Boards have selected their preferred alternatives.

#### 19 20 **Transportation Updates**

21 Dan reviewed the transportation updates

#### 22 23 **TAC Member Concerns**

24 Bob A. suggested that TAC members call U32 and ask them why they aren't participate in the East  
25 Montpelier Town Hill/Gallison Hill intersection study. One of the most important alternative is to  
26 educate the young drivers on how to be a safer driver.

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28 Kevin talk about VT 17 and how a section was repaved this summer which was great. But no one in the  
29 town was notified that it was happening. Kevin and other agreed it would be best if notification could  
30 come to the towns when work on State Route was being done by the Districts.

#### 31 32 **Set Agenda for November**

33 Review of Municipal Transportation Study Projects

#### 34 35 **Adjourn:**

36 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.