

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

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October 23, 2018

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

X	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Jeff Schultz
X	Barre Town: Rob White		Orange: Lee Cattaneo
	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		Warren: Jim Sanford
X	East Montpelier: Frank Pratt		Washington: Vacant
X	Fayston: Kevin Russell	X	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
	Marshfield: Vacant	X	Williamstown: Rich Turner
X	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
X	Montpelier: Dona Bate	x	Worcester: Bill Arrand
X	Moretown: Joyce Manchester		Staff: Daniel Currier

Guests: Zoe Nderland (VTrans), Rollin Tebbetts (VTrans), Costa Pappis (VTrans), Laura Hill-Eubanks (Northfield), Devin Mason (GMT)

Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Introductions were completed.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Public Comments:

There were no public comment

Public Hearing and Presentation on VTrans Aviation Plan

Costa Pappis presented on the VT Aviation System Plan. This is a 20 year plan that helps to outline the public use of Vermont's 16 public airports. The plans updated will follow the outline that FAA proscribes which includes an evaluation, visioning, assessing needs, develop goals and strategies. The new plan will also include changes in policy and incorporate new technology like drones into the text. In conjunction with the Aviation Plan update VTrans will also be working on updates the state economic development marketing plan.

VTrans is working with the consultant McFarland and Johnson. The plan will include an analysis and ranking of each airport based on their level of service from 1-4 with 1 being basic

1 and almost no facilities to 4 with full facilities which only Burlington and Rutland fall into. After
2 each airport is ranked it will next be evaluated for needs and those needs will help determine a
3 growth scenario.

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5 The plan will also include sections on:

6 Recommendation and Strategies

7 Policy Issues

8 Integrating aviation with other modes

9 Land use build environment linkages

10 Economic development

11 Financial sustainability

12 Project Prioritization

13 Technological Development

14 Plan timeline for implementation

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16 Q: Has Sugarbush airport been reached out to?

17 A: Yes we have and we will talk with the operator in more details during this study.

18 Q: Have you consider notice pollution in and around airports?

19 A: Yes we do try and plan for a balance and it will be addressed during the process

20 Q: Are we inviting greater expansion and the use of more fossil fuels?

21 A: Not every airport will grow because they are limits to expansion because of topography,
22 zoning, etc.

23 Q: What will happen to the airports that don't fall into one of the four categories?

24 A: The airport will stay the same and not grow.

25 Q: In Existing Plan from 2007 it says that the Airports should get a full return on investment is
26 this still true?

27 A: Yes they want to make the airports are economic engines and return the investment that is put
28 into them.

29 Q: What are the economic generates at the airports

30 A: Tie down fees, fueling, parking, rental car fees, hanger space rental

31 Q: What is an electric aircraft charging statins?

32 A: FAA has approved the first electric aircraft and that would be a station to recharge it. But the
33 aircrafts are its still in their design infancy.

34 Q: What is the timeline for system plan update?

35 A: We hope to wrap up the plan by late winter/early spring

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37 Addition comments can be email to Costa Pappis at casta.pappis@vermont.gov

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39 **Approval of September TAC Minutes:**

40 TAC members made no changes to the September minutes. D. La Haye motioned to accept the minutes

41 G. D'Amico seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1 **Review of Municipal Transportation Study Projects**

2 D. Currier staff presented three proposals to the TAC for review for future funding under our
3 Transportation Planning Initiative Program. CVRPC has annually funded transportation planning
4 studied and the TAC will spend time at its October and November meetings reviewing and
5 prioritizing projects. The three proposals presented included:

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- 7 • East Montpelier’s traffic study of the Towne Hill Road/US 2 intersection,
- 8 • Duxbury’s traffic study of the three-way intersection of River Rd and Main St
- 9 • Northfield Main St Bridge Project Definition Study

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11 Representatives from each community talk about the proposed studies. TAC members
12 discussed each proposal and made the following comments. The request from Northfield does
13 not match what we know VTrans wants from a Bridge Project Definition Study. The TAC would
14 suggest revising the request to be an Existing Conditions Report. D. Currier and L. Hill-Eubanks
15 will pass on these comments to Northfield.

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17 TAC will completed its review and prioritization of projects at its November meeting.

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19 **TAC Member Concerns**

20 Waterbury’s Main St reconstruction Plans have been finalized and are out for review by
21 interested consultants. The pre bid meeting is coming up.

22 At the Vermont Renewable Energy conference there was lots of talk about electric vehicle
23 charging stations and a grant that is out to help towns install them.

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25 **Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

26 Review of Municipal Transportation Study Projects

27 Presentation on Waterbury Stowe St Bridge Existing Condition Report

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29 **Adjourn:**

30 The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.