**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**DRAFT Minutes**

# February 25th, 2020

**Attendees:**

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| x | Barre City: Scott Bascom |  |  | Northfield: Patrick DeMasi |
|  | Barre Town: Shaun Corbett |  | x | Orange: Lee Cattaneo |
| x | Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair |  | x | Plainfield: Bob Atchinson |
|  | Cabot: John Cookson |  |  | Roxbury: Jerry D’Amico  |
| x | Calais: David Ellenbogen |  | x | Waitsfield: Don La Haye |
| x | Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush |  |  | Warren: Jim Sanford |
|  | East Montpelier: Frank Pratt  |  |  | Washington: Vacant |
|  | Fayston:  |  | x | Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair |
| x | Marshfield: Robin Schunk |  |  | Williamstown: Rich Turner |
|  | Middlesex: Ronald Krauth |  |  | Woodbury: Vacant |
| x | Montpelier: Dona Bate  |  | x | Worcester: Bill Arrand |
| x | Moretown: Joyce Manchester |  |  |  |
| Staff: Ashley Andrews |

Chair S. Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Quorum was present. Introductions were completed.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:**

A. Andrews requested to add additional and updated memorandums to the packet relating to TPI budgeting and Transportation Updates.

**Approve Minutes from January Meeting:**

*B. Wernecke motioned and B. Atchinson seconded to approve the January minutes, with spelling and punctuation edits. Motion passed.*

**Public Comments:**

No public present.

**Update on FFY20 TPI Budget Adjustment**

A. Andrews updated the TAC on the most recent FY2020 adjustments to the TPI budget, which is being looked at by VTrans for final review. *B. Wernecke motioned to except the budget and D. La Haye seconded. Motion passed*

**Transportation Updates**

A. Andrews presented on proposed Green Mountain Transit Service Changes. Questions

were asked: How will RCT services be free to ride? What time will Montpelier-Barre route run? S Bascom commented that eliminating the last run of the day for the City Commuter between Barre and Montpelier will impact the ridership on the second to last run because there is no fall back last run for those riders and they may decide not to take the bus. Can the TAC get more information with route #’s included? More information will be provided for the next TAC meeting

**Capitol Program Project Prioritization and Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidate List for FY2021**

A. Andrews presented the Town Highway and Bridge Pre-Candidates, and the Capitol Progam Projects that CVPRC staff prioritized using a matrix set up by the TAC. The TAC asked for more information on the matrix, the projects, and how the projects were scored. B. Wernecke presented an additional/ -alternate bridge to be added to the TH Highway Bridge Priority List. (br. 0027) in Berlin on Lovers Lane that has been closed for a year due to the creosoted timber deck that has saturation and has punched through between floor beam 1 & 2 along top of the added timber distribution floor beam and it cracked through. Deck will most likely need to be replaced. A. Andrews will provide the TAC with the requested information and TAC will look over the projects for the next meeting.

**TAC Member Comments/Concerns**

A flier was distributed before the TAC meeting about getting Towns involved with automated vehicle testing by VTrans. The TAC raised concerns about duration and Town commitment and liability if they were to get involved.

B. Atchinson shared that there is a Transportation Fair being held this Sunday 3/1 from 11am-2pm in Northfield at the Plumley Armory which is being hosted by the Northfield Energy Committee, Drive Electric Vermont, and the Northfield Farmers Market.

Plainfield and Marshfield approved a $500 grant to start The Hitching Post in their Towns.

**Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

March 25, 2020

* Possible presentation on Energy Reducing Transportation Initiatives
* Project Prioritization and Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidate List FY2021

**Adjourn:** B. Atchinson made a motion to adjourn**.**  D. La Haye seconded and the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.