



Regional Plan Draft Review Committee Sept. 15th, 3:30 pm, CVRPC Office Transportation

ATTENDEES:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dara Torre, <i>Town of Moretown</i>• Ed Larson, <i>Barre Granite Association</i>• Scott Bascom, <i>VTrans</i>• Ron Krauth, <i>Town of Middlesex</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marianne Wolz, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>• Gail Aloisio, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>• Steve Gladczuk, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>
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MEETING PURPOSE: To review the Goals and Policies of the Draft 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and discuss how they relate to the other draft goals of the 2016 Regional Plan, as well as discuss ways to streamline the length of the Transportation Plan.

SUMMARY:

The meeting commenced at 4 pm.

Staff member Gail Aloisio updated the Committee on the adoption status of the proposed amendments to the 2008 Regional Plan. Committee members had questions about the usage of the Future Land Use Map in permitting processes, and staff reported that Commissioners had discussed these concerns at the Commission meetings that have been devoted to the Land Use Element.

Steve Gladczuk, Transportation Planner, summarized the work of the Transportation Advisory Committee on the Goals and Policies. The goals were drafted in late 2013 and are based on the goals of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan.

Staff summarized the changes in the regional transportation system over the last 8 years. Key changes include:

- Park and Ride Use has grown
- The Capitol Commuters Program was started and Go Vermont expanded some programs
- Use of alternative vehicles, such as hybrids and electric vehicles, has increased and shows signs of continuing to increase
- Public Transit use has grown, especially commuter usage
- Two-thirds of the K-8 schools in the region are participating in the Safe Routes to School Program
- Complete Streets legislation was passed and took effect, requiring consideration of all modes

- Knapp State Airport has been reconstructed
- There has been stagnant growth in vehicle miles traveled

Staff explained the goals and policies, pointing out the language that has been added or revised in relation to the goals and policies of the 2008 Regional Plan. The Committee members had minimal comments regarding revisions. The most notable comment was overlap between Goal 1 Policy 7 and Goal 8. Both of these discuss designing the transportation system to support development in desired centers of growth and development. Staff will review the language to see if the goals and policies can be consolidated.

The Committee also discussed whether or not the 70 page narrative of the Transportation Plan should be streamlined. The committee appreciates the level of detail that is included in the plan. However, they acknowledged that when the entire regional plan is put together, the length may be burdensome when combined with other elements.

The Committee proposed various ways to organize the large amounts of information in the plan so that users would be able to readily access the information particularly of interest to them. The Committee saw benefits in keeping detailed data and suggested programs and goals in the plan, as they are of use to local commissions formulating municipal plans. A suggestion was made to link to additional data and reports available online with hyperlinks in the text. Staff explained the usage of two page summaries of each element to construct an executive summary for the plan. Staff also suggested that the Plan could be formatted with goals and policies in the beginning of the document, narrative in the body, and an appendix to include more detailed info such as data tables and resource lists.

The meeting concluded at 5:30 pm

Wrap-up and Next Steps: The Committee will review the narrative of the Transportation Plan at the next meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 3:30 pm**. The approach to review will be to prioritize the information that is absolutely essential for the narrative, in case it must be reduced later in the Regional Plan process.