

CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes September 27, 2016

Barre City: Scott Bascom – X	Northfield: - Jeff Schultz - Absent
Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen - Absent	Orange: Lee Cattaneo - X
Berlin:– Bob Wernecke – X	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson - X
Cabot: Kevin Lehoe – Absent	Roxbury: Gerry D’Amico - Absent
Calais: David Ellenbogen – X	Waitsfield: Don LaHaye - X
Duxbury: Vacant	Warren: - Absent
East Montpelier: Frank Pratt – X	Washington: Ray McCormack - Absent
Fayston: Kevin Russell – X	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair - X
Marshfield: Vacant	Williamstown: Larry Hebert - X
Middlesex: Ronald Krauth – X	Woodbury: Vacant
Montpelier:– Dona Bate - X	Worcester: Bill Arrand – Absent
Moretown: Joyce Manchester - X	Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Marian Wolz
Others: None	

Chair S. Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Introductions were completed.

Adjustments to the Agenda

B. Waninger requested a change to update the TAC on applications to the Transportation Alternatives program.

Public Comments

None.

Approve July TAC Minutes

It was noted that Bob Wernecke was absent from the July meeting. *K. Russell moved to approve the July 26, 2016 TAC minutes with the change; J. Manchester seconded. Motion carried. David Ellenbogen abstained as he was absent from the meeting.*

FFY16 TPI Work Program & Budget Adjustment

B. Waninger discussed proposed changes to CVRPC’s FFY16 TPI work program and budget. The adjustments include additional field work for culvert and road erosion inventories and purchasing supplies and equipment to assist with field inventories related to the Municipal Roads General Permit. The agreement amount has not changed. The adjustment moves funds between tasks. *D. Bate moved to recommend approval of the adjustments to the CVRPC Executive Committee; R. Krauth seconded. Motion carried.*

Housing + Transportation Affordability Analysis

Marian Wolz discussed housing plus transportation affordability in Central Vermont. Traditional measures of housing affordability ignore the cost of transportation, typically a household’s second largest expenditure. As part of *Plan Central Vermont*, Wolz

1 completed a Housing plus Transportation Affordability Analysis to further the concept of
2 location affordability in Central Vermont.

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4 TAC members suggested a trends analysis, adding transit routes, considering the effect
5 of property taxes on housing choice, and creating a similar analysis for moderate
6 income residents.

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8 TAC suggested promoting the concept of location affordability to other groups,
9 contacting Ross MacDonald for Go Vermont, and focusing on people who can carpool.

10 11 **Road Foreman Roundtable**

12 S. Lotspeich suggested a river flume demonstration be incorporated.

13 14 **Transportation Updates**

15 TAC discussed the Rt. 100 improvement project details. B. Waninger provided an
16 overview of two Transportation Alternative (TA) applications: East Barre sidewalk
17 construction and the Worcester Woods Rt. 12 erosion mitigation project. TAC members
18 indicated the TAC would like to be informed about TA projects in the future and provide
19 input based on the TAC's experience.

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21 TAC discussed the Rt. 2 bridge project in Middlesex. This bridge passes over the
22 interstate. B. Atchinson noted that Alice Merrill has been hired as a grant writer for
23 Plainfield.

24 25 **TAC Member Concerns**

26 None.

27 28 **Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting**

29 October 25, 7pm: VTrans Street Tree Policy and Class I Town Highway White Paper,
30 Mad River Valley Active Transportation Plan, TAC Rules of Procedure.

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32 November 22, 7pm: VTrans Transportation Impact Fees (Proportional Share
33 legislation) and its applicability in Central Vermont, TPI consultant services project
34 prioritization

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36 All agenda items are tentative until confirmed.

37 38 **Adjourn**

39 *L. Cattaneo moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm; D. LaHaye seconded. Motion carried.*