

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

DRAFT Minutes

April 28, 2017

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

X	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Jeff Schultz
	Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen		Orange: Lee Cattaneo
X	Berlin: Robert Wernecke	X	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Cabot: Karen Deasy	X	Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico
X	Calais: David Ellenbogen	X	Waitsfield: Don La Haye
	Duxbury: Vacant	X	Warren: Camilla Behn
	East Montpelier: Frank Pratt		Washington: Ray McCormack
X	Fayston: Kevin Russell	X	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
	Marshfield: Vacant	X	Williamstown: Larry Hebert
X	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
X	Montpelier: Dona Bate		Worcester: Bill Arrand
X	Moretown: Joyce Manchester	X	Staff: Dan Currier

Guests: Zoe Neaderland (VTrans), Wayne David (VTrans), Gary Santy (Stantec), and Thad Luther (Stantec)

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

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Public Comments

None.

Approve March TAC Minutes

Corrections were made to the minutes by TAC members. Included in these were changing "apposed" to "opposed" throughout the minutes, changing "where" to "were" on page 6 line 34, and replacing "These new members will then be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for approval." On page 6 line 21 and 22 with "Additional membership in the organization shall be subject to the ratification of the Board of Commissioners." No other corrections were made.

R. Wernecke motioned to approve the minutes with corrections; D. Bates seconded. Vote was 12 in favor, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Presentation from VTrans and Stantec on Exit 6 VT 63 Park and Ride

Wayne David of VTrans, Gary Santy and Thad Luther of Stantec presented. The presentation focused on the TAC's concerns highlighted in CVRPC July 2016 letter to VTrans on the park and ride design, location, and safety concerns. The highest among these was the exit ramp merge with yield and the stopping distance to the East Road and Route 63 intersection. What Stantec found was that all sight distances were adequate for the speed limits and that no left hand turn lane was warranted for the East Road and Route 63 intersection east bound direction. Also presented on were the projected traffic volumes, expected park and ride usage, stormwater treatment, park and ride entrance and exit onto East Road, and the adjacent land owner support for the project. Stantec will follow up with the TAC on the estimated peak usage for the park and ride. There were some questions on if the numbers were correct and so Stantec will look into it.

Demonstration of Strava Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Web Map

D. Currier demonstrated the VT Strava Bicycle and Pedestrian web map. The map shows for one year (2016) the number of total rides (volume by trips), commute rides and cyclists (volume by unique users), intersection volumes, and a heat map of total rides for the users of the Strava Application. TAC members voiced concerns that this data was really only capturing the users of this one application. This is true and so the data should be used and filter to help in the planning but more bike and pedestrian counts should be used to help quantify the full use. Beyond the web map is also the access to three years of Strava GIS data. This data has been made available to the RPC for analysis and mapping.

Demonstration of new Online Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Portal

D. Currier demonstrated a new VTrans Online Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Portal and map. The map allows users access to the Bicycle and Pedestrian counts performed in VT by VTrans, and RPC, or UVM. This map is still under construction by UVM and VTrans but will be finished in June and made public thereafter.

Discussion of Northfield Bridges on Capital Program List for Possible Removal

TAC members discussed the possible removal of two Northfield Bridges on our Capital Program list. The bridges in question are bridge number 68 on Fairgrounds Road and bridge number 59 on Thompson Hill. Both bridges have been repaired or replaced and are in good shape. To remove them from the list CVRPC and the Town of Northfield will need to send a letter to VTrans making this request.

R. Wernecke motioned for a letter be written to VTrans requesting the removal of these two bridges from the Capital Program list. B Atchinson 2nd. Discussion ensued and the TAC asked if CVRPC staff had talked to Northfield yet and the answer was no. TAC member suggest we change the motion to include that the letter be written only if Northfield concurs. R. Wernecke agreed to change his motion to a letter be written to VTrans, if Northfield concurs, requesting the removal of these two bridges from the Capital Program list. B Atchinson 2nd. Motion carried.

Transportation Updates

D. Currier review the updates with the TAC.

He added that the VTrans Bike and Pedestrian grants were just accounted.

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2 **TAC Member Concerns**

3 The TAC member share the following concerns.

4 That the Living with Rail Plan missed the stop at Montpelier junction.

5 They asked why signs for the I-89 south bound rest area and weight station were still up even after the
6 buildings are all torn down.

7 Larry Hebert the TAC representative from Williamstown announced that he is stepping off the TAC after
8 21 years and he thanks us all for the great times.

9 Northfield asked that the TAC consider moving the meeting day to a Monday or Wednesday but the TAC
10 members were not willing given their other commitments.

11 D. Bates provided an update on the Montpelier Northfield St construction.

12 S. Lotspeich announced that Waterbury received a Downtown Transportation fund grant for \$100,000 to
13 help with their way finding signs. He also noted that Montpelier's Taylor St project was partially funded.
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15 **Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting**

16 Upcoming TAC agenda items include a presentation on Functional Classification
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18 **Adjourn**

19 The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.