

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

3 **Approved Minutes**

4 **April 25, 2017**

5 Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

6 **Attendees:**

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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

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

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

12 **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

13 None.

14 **Public Comments:**

15 None.

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17 **Approval of March TAC Minutes :**

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

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24 *R. Wernecke motioned to approve the minutes with corrections; D. Bates seconded. Vote was 12 in
25 favor, 1 abstained. Motion carried.*
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1 **Presentation from VTrans and Stantec on the Exit 6 VT 63 Park and Ride:**

2 Wayne Davis of VTrans, and Gary Santy and Thad Luther of Stantec gave the presentation. The
3 presentation addressed the TAC’s concerns highlighted in the CVRPC July 2016 letter to VTrans on the
4 park and ride design, location, and safety issues. The most critical issues were the exit ramp merge with
5 yield and the stopping distance to the East Road and Route 63 intersection. Stantec determined that all
6 sight distances were adequate for the speed limits, and that no left hard turn lane was warranted for
7 the East Road and Route 63 intersection east bound direction. Projected traffic volumes, expected park
8 and ride usage, storm water treatment, the park and ride entrance and exit onto East Road, and the
9 adjacent land owner support for the project were also presented. Stantec will follow up with the TAC on
10 the estimated peak usage for the park and ride. Questions regarding the veracity of the numbers were
11 raised and Stantec agreed to review them.

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13 **Demonstration of the Strava Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Web Map:**

14 D. Currier demonstrated the VT Strava Bicycle and Pedestrian web map. The map display 2016
15 data - the number of total rides (volume by trips), commute rides and cyclists (volume by unique
16 users), intersection volumes, and a heat map of total rides for the users of the Strava Application.
17 TAC members voiced concerns that this data was only capturing the users of this one application.
18 In addition to the web map, three years of Strava GIS data has been made available to the RPC for
19 analysis and mapping.

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21 **Demonstration of new Online Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Portal:**

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

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27 **Discussion of Northfield Bridges on the Capital Program List for Possible Removal:**

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

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33 *R. Wernecke motioned for a letter be written to VTrans requesting the removal of these two bridges from*
34 *the Capital Program list. B Atchinson seconded the motion. The TAC asked if CVRPC staff had talked to*
35 *Northfield yet - the answer was no. A TAC member suggested changing the motion to include that the*
36 *letter be written only if Northfield concurs. R. Wernecke agreed to change his motion to a letter be*
37 *written to VTrans, if Northfield concurs, requesting the removal of these two bridges from the Capital*
38 *Program list. B Atchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

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40 **Transportation Updates:**

41 D. Currier reviewed the updates with the TAC, adding that the VTrans Bike and Pedestrian grants were
42 just announced.

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44 **TAC Member Concerns:**

1 The TAC members raised the following concerns: the Living with Rail Plan missed the stop at Montpelier
2 junction and signs for the I-89 south bound rest area and weight station were still up although the
3 buildings have been torn down.
4 Larry Hebert, the TAC representative from Williamstown, announced that he is stepping off the TAC
5 after 21 years and he thanks all for the great times.
6 Northfield asked that the TAC consider moving the meeting day to a Monday or Wednesday, but the
7 other TAC members where not willing given their other commitments.
8 D. Bates provided an update on the Montpelier Northfield St construction.
9 S. Lotspeich announced that Waterbury received a Downtown Transportation fund grant for \$100,000 to
10 help with their way finding signs. He also noted that Montpelier's Taylor St project was partially funded.
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12 **Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting:**
13 Upcoming TAC agenda items include a presentation on Functional Classification
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15 **Adjourn:**
16 The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.