



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 5:30 p.m\*\*.**

East Montpelier Town Office  
40 Kelton Road East Montpelier, VT 05651

\*\* NOTE DIFFERENT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

**5:00 pm – GMT Bus Pick up in front of Montpelier City Hall**

5:15 pm - Social & Pizza

\*Action Item

Page **AGENDA**

**5:30 Introductions**

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

**Public Comments**

**2 5:35 Approve July 25 TAC Minutes (enclosed)\***

**5:40 East Montpelier Park and Ride Update**

**5:55 East Montpelier Village Side Walk Update**

**6:10 East Montpelier VT Route 14 Bridge Reconstruction Update**

**6:25 Tour of Park and Ride, Sidewalk, and Bridge Projects**

**5 7:05 Transportation Updates (enclosed)**

An opportunity for TAC members to ask questions about the updates.

**7:15 TAC Member Concerns**

Roundtable for any issues, questions, and town updates from TAC members.

**7:25 Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting**

**7:30 Adjourn**

**8:00 Arrive back in Montpelier on GMT Bus**

### **Future TAC Meeting Agendas**

Below is a preview of upcoming TAC meeting agendas for consideration by the TAC.

#### October

- **Joint Meeting with the Transportation Board on VTrans new Project Prioritization methodology**

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

**DRAFT Minutes**

**July 25, 2017**

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

**Attendees:**

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

Guests: Zoe Neaderland and Dave Pellettier (VTrans), Chris Loyer (GMT)

Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Introductions were completed.

It was noted that a quorum of member is not present at the meeting. So all voting would have to be a consensus vote.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Approval of June TAC Minutes:**

Minutes were reviewed. Corrections were made and they asked for a review by Ashley Andrews staff at CVRPC to help fill in some more details to the motions. S Lotspeich requested a concessive vote on the minutes as updated which the TAC confirmed.

**Presentation on Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan**

Dave Pellettier presented to the TAC on the VTrans Long Range Transportation Plan. This plan is currently being updated by VTrans and helps to guide the transportation decision making and

1 investment over the next 20 years. The Plan also helps to link all the other plans at VTrans together for  
 2 instance the Bike and Pedestrin Plan. Dave started by reviewing the Purpose, Schedule, and Goals of the  
 3 Plan. He expects a draft plan ready for review in early spring at which time he will come back and give a  
 4 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation to the TAC. The TAC members asked the following questions or made the following  
 5 suggestion/statements.

6 Q: You mentioned an external stakeholder groups. Is that list of people available?

7 A: Yes I have that and can pass it along

8 Q: Aren't there also rail trails that are State owned and operates?

9 A: Yes

10 C: The TAC suggested switch the arrows on slide 11 to the positive up direction

11 S: The TAC wondered as the population changes and ages that older people will drive less.

12 Q: Does the number of VMT include large trucks and freight and I wonder what those trends show and  
 13 what the diesels use is?

14 A: It does not and I will look into that to see what the trends are.

15 S: For electric car use and charging stations it's important to also reflect the source of the electricity and  
 16 that this really only make sense if we have renewable sources for our electricity.

17 Q: Why did you only include commercial airline? Why no include private air travel?

18 A: Not sure why and I will find out.

19 Q: RPC and staffs are not on the external stakeholders groups? Why are they not on the list?

20 A: They are and we have included them they just don't show on the list you have. I will add them to the  
 21 list. I will also talk with VAPDA about including another one or two transportation planners from the  
 22 RPCs.

23 Q: Do you have any direction from the nation level so we know what to be prepared for?

24 A: No but we are in constant contact with our national Delegation so we can be ready.

25 S: What is a runway mile and I don't think we have 90 miles or runway in the State.

26 A: I will check on that number  
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### 28 **Distribution of Extra Transportation Study Funds**

29 The TAC talked about transportation planning special funds. Waterbury does not feel that this funding  
 30 would be enough to get their project started so they passed. The TAC next talked with Chris Loyer from  
 31 GMT about the special transportation funding and how they could use the \$6000. GMT would utilize  
 32 \$4000 of the \$6000 for their customer service survey and they could use the \$2000 to work on a portion  
 33 of their evaluation and planning of Central VT routes and services. S Lotspeich requested a concessive  
 34 vote on having GMT use these funds on their customer service survey and their evaluation and planning  
 35 of Central VT routes and services which the TAC confirmed with reservations. Some TAC members  
 36 didn't feel that the survey sample size of 100 riders was enough and that it may only prove what GMT  
 37 already knows about its service.  
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### 39 **Transportation Updates:**

40 D Currier reviewed the updates with the TAC.  
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### 42 **TAC Member Concerns:**

43 TAC member asked staff to look into getting a digital tape recorder to tape the TAC meetings.  
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45 TAC member asked to get an update from Cross VT Trail on their work. Staff will request they come to  
 46 our September meeting to give an update.  
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1 TAC talked about their concerns from last meeting and the lack of visibility for the night road work going  
2 on in the region. (Specifically that at night it was very hard to read the stop/slow signs that the flaggers  
3 are holding). Staff will reach out to VTrans with these concerns and find out what can be done.  
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5 **Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting:**

6 Cross VT Trail Update

7 Schedule a field trip to a local project. Some ideas included the Barre City Rail Line Improvements,  
8 airport, or the East Montpelier Village sidewalks, park and ride, and bridge work.  
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10 **Adjourn:**

11 The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

# TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

September 26, 2017

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These updates are aimed at keeping the TAC informed about potential modifications to State programs and practices that may affect transportation, CVRPC transportation initiatives, VT's Clean Water Act, and other news that may be of interest.

## **VT Better Roads New Grant Cycle**

I wanted to give you a heads up about an important change that will be made as part of the SFY19 Better Roads program. Based on feedback from RPC's, regulators and municipalities, this coming years grant cycle will be announced at the beginning of October and applications will be due mid to late November.

## **Municipal Roads General Permit Public Notice**

The Municipal Road General Permit has begun public notice today for a formal comment period that expires on October 27, 2017.

The Draft Permit and Public Notice are attached and information about the Permit, the public notice, and the Draft Permit can be found here:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/public-notices/mrgp-public-notice>

Additional information and background can be found here:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/municipal-roads-program>

Municipalities and the general public are invited to provide written comments about the draft Permit through 4:30pm on October 27, 2017. Agency of Natural Resources will review public comments and issue a written response to the public, make any adjustments necessary, and publish the permit as a formal regulatory document. Municipalities will have until July 31, 2018 to file a Notice of Intent with the State to obtain coverage under the Permit.

There will be five public meetings on the draft permit:

- Tuesday October 10, 2017 from 6:00-8:00pm, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission office, 29 Main Street Suite 4 Montpelier
- Wednesday October 11, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm Johnson Town Offices, 293 Lower Main Street (Route 15) Johnson
- Monday October 16, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm Martin Memorial Building, Ascutney
- Tuesday October 17, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square, Brandon
- Wednesday October 18, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm Northern Vermont Development Association, 36 Eastern Avenue St. Johnsbury.