

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

2 **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

3 **Minutes**

4 **October 23, 2018**

5 Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

6 **Attendees:**

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

7 Guests: Zoe Nederland (VTrans), Rollin Tebbetts (VTrans), Costa Pappis (VTrans), Laura Hill-Eubanks (Northfield), Devin Mason (GMT)

8 Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Introductions were completed.

9 **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

10 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

11 **Public Comments:**

12 There were no public comment

13 **Public Hearing and Presentation on VTrans Aviation Plan**

14 Costa Pappis presented on the initial work of the VT Aviation System Plan. This is a 20 year
15 plan that helps to outline the public use of Vermont’s 16 public airports. The plans updated will
16 follow the outline proscribed by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Which includes
17 evaluation, visioning, assessing needs, develop goals and strategies. The new plan will also
18 include changes in policy and incorporate new technology like drones into the text. In
19 conjunction with the Aviation Plan update VTrans will also be working on updates the State
20 Economic Development Marketing Plan.
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1 VTrans is working with the consultant McFarland and Johnson. The plan will include an
2 analysis and ranking of each airport based on their level of service from 1-4 with 1 being basic
3 service and almost no facilities to 4 with full facilities which only Burlington and Rutland's
4 airports fall into. After each airport is ranked it will then be evaluated for needs and those needs
5 will help determine a growth scenario for each airport.

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7 The plan will also include sections on:

8 Recommendation and Strategies

9 Policy Issues

10 Integrating aviation with other modes

11 Land use build environment linkages

12 Economic development

13 Financial sustainability

14 Project Prioritization

15 Technological Development

16 Plan timeline for implementation

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18 Q: Has Sugarbush airport been reached out to?

19 A: Yes we have and we plan to talk with the operator in more details during this study.

20 Q: Have you consider noise pollution in and around airports?

21 A: Yes we do and it will be addressed in the Plan.

22 Q: Are we inviting greater expansion and the use of more fossil fuels?

23 A: Not every airport will grow because there are limits to expansion due to topography, zoning,
24 etc.

25 Q: What will happen to the airports that don't fall into one of the four categories?

26 A: The airport will fall into one of the four categories even if they have no plan of growth.

27 Q: In the existing plan from 2007 it says that the Airports should have a full return on investment
28 is this still true?

29 A: Yes they want to make the airports economic engines and return the investment that is put
30 into them.

31 Q: What are the economic generates at the airports

32 A: Tie down fees, fueling, parking, rental car fees, and hanger space rentals.

33 Q: What is an electric aircraft charging station?

34 A: FAA has approved the first electric aircraft and that would be a station to recharge it. But the
35 aircrafts are still in their design infancy.

36 Q: What is the timeline for the System Plan update?

37 A: We hope to wrap up the plan by late winter/early spring

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39 Addition comments can be email to Costa Pappis at costa.pappis@vermont.gov

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41 **Approval of September TAC Minutes:**

1 TAC members made no changes to the September minutes. D. LaHaye motioned to accept the minutes
2 G. D’Amico seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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4 **Review of Municipal Transportation Study Projects**

5 D. Currier staff presented three proposals to the TAC for review for future funding under our
6 Transportation Planning Initiative Program. CVRPC has annually funded transportation planning
7 studied and the TAC will spend time at its October and November meetings reviewing and
8 prioritizing projects. The three proposals presented included:

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- 10 • East Montpelier’s traffic study of the Towne Hill Road/US 2 intersection,
- 11 • Duxbury’s traffic study of the three-way intersection of River Rd and Main St
- 12 • Northfield Main St Bridge Project Definition Study

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14 Representatives from each community talk about their proposed studies. TAC members
15 discussed each proposal and made the following comments. The request from Northfield does
16 not match with what we know VTrans wants from a Bridge Project Definition Study. The TAC
17 would suggest revising the request to be an Existing Conditions Report. D. Currier and L. Hill-
18 Eubanks will pass on these comments to Northfield.

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20 TAC will completed its review and prioritization of projects at its November meeting.

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22 **TAC Member Concerns**

23 Waterbury’s Main St Reconstruction Plans have been finalized and are out for review by
24 interested consultants. The pre bid meeting is coming up.

25 At the Vermont Renewable Energy Conference there was lots of talk about electric vehicle
26 charging stations and a grant that is out to help towns install them.

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28 **Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

29 Review of Municipal Transportation Study Projects

30 Presentation on Waterbury Stowe St Bridge Existing Condition Report

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32 **Adjourn:**

33 The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.