



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Central VT Chamber of Commerce, Paine Turnpike North, Berlin, VT

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6:15 pm - Social & Pizza

*Action Item

Page **AGENDA**

6:30 Introductions

Adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comments

2 6:35 Presentation on Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool work in the Stevens Branch Watershed – Pam DeAndrea and Daniel Currier

3 7:10 Approve October TAC Minutes (enclosed)*

7:15 Presentation on New Project Prioritization Process – Daniel Currier

7:50 Discussion on Updating CVRPC Regional Plan and Transportation Chapter

8:10 TAC Member Concerns

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

8:25 Review January Meeting Date and Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting

8:30 Adjourn

Future TAC Meeting Agendas

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

December – No Meeting

January meeting date 28th

- **Start Project Prioritization**
- **CVRPC Regional Plan and Transportation Chapter**

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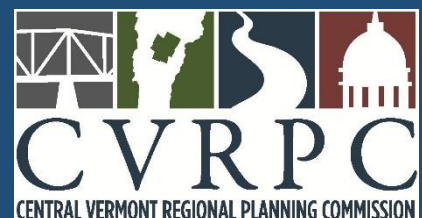
Vulnerability Public Meetings

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

CVRPC has been working in collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the municipalities of Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Northfield, Orange, Plainfield, Washington and Williamstown to inventory bridges, culverts, and road embankments in the Steven's Branch watershed that are vulnerable to damage from flood inundation, erosion, and deposition. CVRPC is ready to present vulnerability data to these municipalities. We hope that you can join us!

1:00pm: Barre City
Alumni Hall, 3rd Floor
20 Auditorium Hill, Barre VT 05641

5:30pm: Orange Town
Hall
392 US Route 302, Orange VT 05641



CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

DRAFT Minutes

October 22nd, 2019

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

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

Guests: Jackie Cassino (VTrans), Chris Damiari (GMT), Greg Western (CVTA)

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

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Cross VT Trail Association requested to be added to the agenda to request a letter of support for an upcoming grant application to the Transportation Alternative program. This item was added before the presentation on the Public Transit Policy Plan.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

Cross VT Trail Association Requested for Letter of Support

Greg Western, Director of CVTA request the TAC support their application to the Transportation Alternative Program to fund the bridge over the Winooski River. The CVRPC TAC has long supported the CVTA and its trail planning and construction efforts. The TAC felt strongly that they should continue to support the trail and the effort to build the bridge over the Winooski River. D. Currier presented a draft letter to the TAC for review. R. Wernecke motion for CVRPC to sign the draft letter to support CVTA application. B. Atchinson 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation on Public Transit Policy Plan

Jackie Cassino presented on the Public Transit Policy Plan. The Vermont Public Transit Policy Plan will quantify Vermont's transit needs, as well as recommend programmatic and policy initiatives to strengthen the statewide transit system. This plan will lay out a 10-year vision for improved transit service in Vermont and develop policies and strategies to guide the improvement of Vermont's transit network.

The development of a PTPP every five years is required by Statute (Title 24, VSA, §5089). The first PTPP was published in 2000 and the most recent version was published in 2012. This Plan will be an update to the 2012 PTPP and will serve as a guide for the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and its partners in making decisions on implementing and funding transit projects that facilitate mobility, minimize duplication of services, leverage limited funds, maximize ridership, and improve coordination of services. In addition, the PTPP will meet the objectives of the 2014 Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan, including developing an annual workplan for the Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Transportation Program.

The plan will: provide a summary of state and federal regulations, policy framework, and planning requirements unique to transit; provide a current profile of the system; identify current needs; establish recommendations; create a performance framework that will guide future investment decisions and Agency practices; and develop an implementation plan, inclusive of an E&D Program Workplan, that will identify both short and long term strategies and action items to fulfill proposed recommendations.

CRITICAL THEMES & CHALLENGES

- Aging population, including detail on demographic trends in Vermont, travel needs of older adults, and potential strategies for addressing those needs
- Economic trends and opportunities, including the divide between urban and rural areas in Vermont, and the critical issue of access to jobs as traditional economic models change
- Technology and information, including the revolution in transit information, improvement in operations management, and the rise of on-demand mobility and ride scheduling
- Public awareness, including the impacts of geography, age and income on Vermonters' awareness of public transit service, the perceptions of public transit, and ways to increase awareness
- Land use development and housing location, including rural development patterns, State land use regulation, and strategies for coordinating land use and transportation decisions

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

- ADDRESSING AGING VERMONT
- EXPANSION OF TRANSIT ACCESS
- OUTREACH AND RAISING AWARENESS, AND
- LONG-TERM LAND USE PLANNING AND INVESTMENTS.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

1 All relevant information can be found on the project webpage

2 <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/PTPP>

3 Draft reports are up for review. The complete PTPP will be open for public comment
4 November-December 2019.

6 Have additional questions? Contact Project Manager Jackie Cassino (contact info below).

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14 **Minutes from July Meeting** – Minor edits where made to the minutes. J. D’Amico motion to
15 approve minutes with changes. D. La Haye seconded and the motion passed.

17 **Presentation on New Project Prioritization Process**

18 Was moved till November.

20 **TAC Member Concerns**

22 RAMP members in Plainfield are displeased with the design of the fix for the Main St US 2
23 intersection because of the possible closure of the Main St bridge into the Village.

25 The Montpelier Transit Center will have its opening on Friday October 25th but GMT does not
26 plan on operating out of the location till November 18th

28 **Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

29 Review new process to prioritize projects introduce process with presentation, will replace
30 regional process.

31 Presentation on the Transportation Resiliency Vulnerability Analysis

32 Discussion on Regional Transportation element

34 **Adjourn:**

35 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.