**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**DRAFT Minutes**

# November 26th, 2019

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

**Attendees:**

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|  | Barre City: Scott Bascom |  |  | Northfield: Patrick DeMasi |
|  | Barre Town: Rob White  |  | X | Orange: Lee Cattaneo |
|  | Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair |  | X | Plainfield: Bob Atchinson |
|  | Cabot: John Cookson |  | X | Roxbury: Jerry D’Amico  |
|  | 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 |  |  | Williamstown: Rich Turner |
|  | Middlesex: Ronald Krauth |  |  | Woodbury: Vacant |
| X | Montpelier: Dona Bate  |  |  | Worcester: Bill Arrand |
| X | Moretown: Joyce Manchester |  | X | Staff: Daniel Currier and Pam DeAndrea |
| Guests:  |
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Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A quorum of members were not present. Introductions were completed.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:**

There were no adjustments to the agenda

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments

**Presentation on Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool work in the Stevens Branch Watershed.**

Pam DeAndrea and Daniel Currier presented on the Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool work in the Stevens Branch Watershed. Information on the project can be found here - <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/transportation-resilience>

TAC Members asked the following questions:

Can the model incorporate the road erosion inventory data that has been collected to help understand all the issues at a location? The data can’t be added to the web tool but CVRPC could create maps that show both the TRPT data and the REI data.

Do you plan on working on other watersheds? Yes

How much is being spent on this project? $30,000

CVRPC staff will be back to the TAC once the data has been added to the web tool to share the final results.

**Minutes from October Meeting** – Minor edits were made to the minutes. No action was taken.

**Presentation on New Project Prioritization Process**

Dan presented on the new project prioritization process.

Currently the RPC’s ranking accounts for 20% of the total score while VTrans ranking accounts for the other 80%. The new process is vision-performance based and is even more data driven to calculate its transportation value.

The new process also includes a community driven process for projects that will be combined into the capital program. This will allow more projects on the community driven side to move forward. The new criteria include: Safety, asset condition, mobility/connectivity, community, economic access, environment, resiliency, and health access

The RPCs will be responsible for entering in the economic access and community criteria for each project.

TAC Members asked the following questions:

Will we be able to give input on charging stations? No because those have been grant specific project and we don’t weight in on those in this process.

Where did corridor management go? VTrans still does corridor planning and needs identified during that process are going to be mapped and included as part of other projects.

Will bad ideas get recycled? Yes

The RPCs will be doing some pilot testing with the goal to start using this new system no sooner than 2022.

**Discussion on Updating CVRPC Regional Plan and Transportation Chapter**

Staff is directed to work with regional plan committee to update the Regional Plan.

Dan talked with the TAC about their potential role in this update.

What part would the TAC want to play in the development of the plan?

S. Lotspeich talked about how in the past the TAC was really involved and that the regional plan committee has a lot to do to get this plan updated.

D. LaHaye asked if we have a digital way to get people to meetings? Yes

L. Cattaneo asked if we could have separate meetings given the amount of time it will take?

Dan shared that in 2016 there was an update done which condensed 100s of pages down to 40 pages.

It was suggest that the TAC add 30 minutes at the beginning of each regular meeting to meet and review sections of the Transportation Plan.

S. Lotspeich asked if the regional plan committee wants us to fill this role? Dan offered to talk with Clare and check in on that?

If there are transportation data we want to include that can go in the appendix.

**TAC Member Concerns**

Plainfield talked about working with GMT to get more info on routes-buses to Health Center and Senior Center so they could figure out ridership info and advertise routes.

Route 14 RCT bus started from Hardwick to Montpelier/Barre and meets up with the Route 2 commuter at the East Montpelier park and ride.

Montpelier is encouraging people to use new paths and transit center when open.

Marshfield is waiting on VTrans to set up a meeting they did find out that they did not approve the requested change in speed limits in Marshfield. The town is working with the project manager for the road reconstruction.

**Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

Next Meeting is January 28th

Diverging Diamond Interchange presentation

Regional plan and trans chapter

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.