

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

DRAFT Minutes

November 26th, 2019

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

	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:

Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A quorum of members were no 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.

Can the model incorporate the rei data that has been collected to help understand the locations?

Do you plan on working on other watersheds? Yes

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

Is it enough? Yes if not too much.

How much mitigation occurred after 2011?

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

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4 **Presentation on New Project Prioritization Process**

5 Dan presented on the new prioritization process.

6 80% VTrans, 20% CVRPC

7 New vision-performance based, data driven to give it a value

8 VPSP2-community and state driven projects will be combined in asset mgt & modernization &
9 expansion

10 More projects on the community driven side will be able to move forward

11 New criteria-environment, resilience, health access

12 RPCs will have input into economic access and community criteria

13 Will we be able to give input on charging stations?

14 Those will be never grant specific grant programs

15 Ideas-needs-projects scoping-

16 Where did corridor management go? The needs for corridors are going into other projects.

17 Will bad ideas get recycled?

18 Ranking will get passed onto state and then become a project-PE, ROW, construction

19 RPCs will be doing some pilot testing

20 Implement no sooner than 2022

21 Dan went over sample questionnaire

22 Who developed this? RPCs and VTrans developed this together

23 Connectivity- should include Airports, and bike routes

24 Testing in January at TPI meeting

25 Each category is maxed out at a certain level

26 Airports may only be useful for those that own a plane

27 Airports can be important to more than just private travel

28 Could be weighted-more weight for public airports

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

31 Staff is directed to work with regional plan committee on the plan

32 Dan shared what they may want to do - parts of the plan should have the same format

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

34 Steve-In past TAC was really involved-RP committee has a lot to do in a short amount of time;
35 great opportunity to review and provide input

36 Don-can we have a digital way to get people to meetings?

37 Lee- can we have separate meetings given the amount of time it will take?

38 Workload?

39 Dan- in 2016 there was an update done which condensed 100s of pages down to 40 pages. No
40 more space on reg. Plan committee for TAC members. A sub committee could work but more
41 frequently than quarterly.

42 Dona-would be great if we gave 30 minutes to the regular TAC and can prepared. Could do it at
43 6 pm before TAC meeting?

44 Steve-does the reg plan committee want us to fill this role? Can we check on that?

1 Dan-yes let's ask and offer our services, they will probably be fine with it
2 Bob- what are the other aspects of the plan?
3 Dan shared to table of contents of the current regional plan
4 Joyce-How do we enforce state energy targets?
5 We are not regulatory
6 Regional plan committee wants things ready in February
7 Dan will share the transportation chapter to review for January meeting for working group to
8 go over at 6 pm
9 New chapter will be implementation
10 If there are transportation data we want to include that can go in the appendix
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12 **TAC Member Concerns**

13 Plainfield - info on travel sheet
14 Working with GMT To get more info on routes-buses to Health Center and Senior Center so
15 they could figure out ridership info and advertise routes
16 \$500 grant for the hitching post project-if you need a ride out a flag on the hitching post - can
17 put change in a cup to give the driver a coffee from cafe
18 Route 14 GMT bus started from Hardwick to Montpelier/Barre and meeting the route 2
19 commuter at East Montpelier
20 Montpelier- encourage people to use new paths and transit center when open
21 Next meeting - Montpelier path outcomes
22 Marshfield-waiting on VTrans; did not approve change in speeds. Documented right in the
23 middle of town not at either end which is where the problems are.
24 Have been in to touch with engineer on paving job.
25 Shoulders were supposed to increase with state roads not decrease
26 Should be in paving plan
27 Any other concerns?
28 Waterbury construction still underway
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30 **Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

31 Next Meeting is January 28th
32 Prioritization possible topic
33 Diverging diamond interchange - May have someone from VTrans come and give a presentation
34 on this project-Colchester
35 Regional plan and trans chapter
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37 **Adjourn:**

38 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.