



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

**1 Taylor St Montpelier, VT**

**NOTE** Different Time  
and Meeting Location

(Coming off the interstate at exit 8, turn left at the third light onto Taylor St just after the bridge. Parking is on the left (in the State of VT lot) and the Transit Center will be on your right. We will meet in front of the Transit Center at 6:00 pm)

5:45 pm - Social & Pizza at picnic tables located at Taylor St State parking lot \*Action Item

### Page **AGENDA**

**6:00 Introductions**

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

**Public Comments**

**6:05 Tour of Montpelier Transit Center** lead by Cory Line (City of Montpelier) and Matt Cadieux (DEW Construction)

**6:35 Tour of Pedestrian Bridge over Northfield Branch** lead by Cory Line (City of Montpelier) and Matt Cadieux (DEW Construction)

**7:05 Travel and tour of bike path along Old Country Club Road (Montpelier)** lead by Cory Line (City of Montpelier)

2 **7:45 Approve June TAC Minutes** (enclosed)\*

**7:50 Return to Taylor St**

**7:51 Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting – NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

**8:00 Adjourn**

### **Future TAC Meeting Agendas**

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

**August**

**NO MEETING**

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
**June 25, 2019**

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

**Attendees:**

	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Patrick DeMasi
	Barre Town: Shaun Corbett	X	Orange: Lee Cattaneo
X	Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair	X	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Cabot: John Cookson	X	Roxbury: Gerry 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: Kevin Russell	X	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
X	Marshfield: Robin Schunk		Williamstown: Rich Turner
X	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
	Montpelier: Dona Bate	X	Worcester: Bill Arrand
X	Moretown: Joyce Manchester	X	Staff: Daniel Currier

Guests: Zoe Nederland (VTrans), Erin Parizo (VTrans), Gregory Goyette (Stantec), and Robert Clark (Berlin)

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

**Adjustments to the Agenda:**

Plainfield US2/Main St Intersection Reconstruction Update was switch with the Berlin Route 62/Paine Turnpike Park and Ride Discussion

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comment

**Approve May, 28<sup>th</sup> TAC Minutes:**

S. Lotspeich suggested some corrections to the minutes. R. Wernecke motioned to accept the May 28<sup>th</sup> TAC minutes as corrected. R. Krauth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plainfield US2/Main St Intersection Reconstruction Update**

Erin Parizo of VTrans and Gregory Goyette of Stantec presented on the work done to develop a preferred alternative for the Plainfield US2/Main St Intersection. This intersection has received new momentum and community engagement so that a preferred alternative has been designed. The scoping work was conducted back in 2005 by CVRPC, at that time the community did not select a preferred alternative. The project was then restarted 2014 with VTrans

1 studying the intersection, with the assistance of Stantec. The intersection has a lot of  
 2 constraints to deal with including: properties, grade, traffic, pedestrian, and cost. The  
 3 intersection geometry is also very awkward with poor sight distance, steep grades, high  
 4 volumes, and historic structures. So the room is very limited to do anything.

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 6 VTrans with help from CVRPC and the Town came to a consensus on a preferred alternative.  
 7 This alternatives being a three way signalized T intersection. The design will remove the island  
 8 and utility poll, build new sidewalks and cut US 2 down by 2 feet. The new grade for Main St  
 9 will be changed from 16% to 15%. The grade of 15% is above the highway specification for side  
 10 roads. 10% is the standard, but there will be a 5% stop area for the first car to sit on.

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 12 Q1 - Will the old Plainfield hardware store be removed? No it will stay but conversation will be  
 13 had with all of the landowners.

14 Q2 - What will happen with the removal of the parking spaces in front of the old store? VTrans  
 15 and the towns are looking for a way to mitigate the loss of parking perhaps on the adjacent  
 16 town parking.

17 Q3 - Do you have the profiles? Not at the meeting but Greg will share.

18 Q4 - What about the cross walk and the grade? They will be installed to the ada compliant and  
 19 the signal will have a dedicated ped crossing. More work on the design and local preference  
 20 will be incorporated as they work out the details and design.

21 Q5 - How different is the grade from the previous preferred to this one? It is the same?

22 Addition design considerations

23 Q6 - How can construction occur? Main st would be closed temporarily with alternating 1 way  
 24 traffic on us 2.

25 Q7 - How long will the constitution take? One constitution season

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 27 The timeline for this project is as follows. Public information meeting will take place with the  
 28 town is a few months, fall 2019 30% plan update, winter 2020 60% plans, ROW started 2020,  
 29 100% with bid advertisement-TBD, with possible construction in 2023. Public engagement will  
 30 be important and VTrans plans to start it very soon?

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 32 Q8 - Have you considered underground the utilities? Those conversations have started but the  
 33 utility don't like to pay for it. So there is more to work out.

34 Q9 - Could the railing be fixed to help improve sign distance? We have really focused on the  
 35 final solution and not spent to much time on other fixes.

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 37 **Berlin Route 62/Paine Turnpike Park and Ride Discussion**

1 D. Currier present the preferred alternative for the Berlin Exit 7 Park and Ride expansion. In  
 2 total the park and ride will be expanded from 76 spots to 112 with 5 handicap, a new bus  
 3 shelter, lighting, and an exit directly onto VT 62. The land around the new park and ride will  
 4 have a berm installed with trees to help shield the adjacent land owner's view of the park and  
 5 ride. Robert Clark (adjacent land owner) talk about his experience working with VTrans on this  
 6 project including being proactive about talking with VTrans and advocating for the  
 7 improvements that would least impact his quality of life. He also talk about using his local and  
 8 state contacts to make sure he was heard. The TAC discussed further with R. Clark about the  
 9 park and ride.

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 11 Q1 – Why is this expansion of the park and ride occurring? The park and ride use at this lot has  
 12 been over VTrans's thresholders and was identified for expanding in their 2016 Park and Ride  
 13 Plan.

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 15 **TPI FFY 20 Work Program and Budget Review and Approval**  
 16 **Presentation on Paratransit Planning Grant Results**

17 D. Currier present the draft CVRPC FFY 20 Transportation Planning Initiative work program and  
 18 budget. This work program and budget reflects the updated VTrans guidance on eligible tasks  
 19 and budget (new tasks have been **bolded**).

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 21 In brief: The following changes from the FY19 work program and budget are as follows:

22 Task 1 – Program Administration: This task covers the administration of work program and  
 23 budget.

24 Task 2 – Public Participation and Coordination: This task covers the time spent by staff  
 25 attending public meetings, including the TAC meetings, and working with VTrans on various  
 26 State working groups.

27 Task 3 – Long Range Planning: This task covers the time spent by staff to assist Green Mountain  
 28 Transit and updated our local and regional plans.

29 Task 4 – Short Range Planning: This task covers the time spent by staff to conduct our field  
 30 services including culvert and bridge inventors, vehicle counts, and road erosion inventors.

31 There is a new task included in short Range Planning: Public Transit Planning - **Human Services**  
 32 **Transportation Coordination/Regional E&D (Elderly and Disabled) Public Transit Advisory**  
 33 **Committees (RPTAC)**

34 Task 5 – Project Development Planning: This task covers the time spent by staff to assist with  
 35 grant and project development.

36 Task 6 – Other Planning Activities This is a new task that includes **(Watershed Planning):**

37 **Transportation System Resiliency Planning work includes add the Stevens Branch**  
 38 **watershed to the tool and assist the communities in incorporating the results into**  
 39 **their local planning documents.**

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 41 Funding Level for this year's budget is \$243,124.

1 Summary of budget amounts by task

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<b>Task</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Agreement Amount</b>
Task 1	Program Administration	\$18,802
Task 2	Public Participation and Coordination	\$37,800
Task 3	Long Range Transportation Planning	\$63,588
Task 4	Short Range Transportation Planning	\$97,786
Task 5	Project Development Planning	\$15,148
Task 6	Watershed Planning Activities	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$243,124</b>

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4 TAC discussed the work program and budget. R. Wernecke motioned to approval the draft  
 5 CVRPC FFY 20 Transportation Planning Initiative work program and budget. L. Cattaneo  
 6 seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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8 **TAC Member Concerns**

9 R. Wernecke voiced gratitude toward VTrans for the work on progressing Us2/Main St  
 10 intersection.

11 It was noted that highways across the region took a real beating this past winter with pot holes  
 12 everywhere.

13 R. Wernecke Berlin Lover’s land bridge is closed. It was reconstructed in 1994 but the deck is  
 14 now gone. It is a pony truss bridge. Berlin will be looking for help on getting this bridge fixed.  
 15 Q1 - How much traffic? Not very much but it’s a favorite crossing for locals.

16 R. Wernecke talk about seeing an article on the VT 63 Park and Ride but it was his  
 17 understanding that that project was suspended. D. Currier will follow up with Wayne Davis and  
 18 let Bob know.

19 **Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

20 July field trip to Montpelier transit center

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22 **Adjourn:**

23 The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.