

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

DRAFT Minutes

January 28th, 2020

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

x	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Patrick DeMasi
x	Barre Town: Shaun Corbett	x	Orange: Lee Cattaneo
x	Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair	x	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Cabot: John Cookson		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		Williamstown: Rich Turner
	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
x	Montpelier: Dona Bate		Worcester: Bill Arrand
x	Moretown: Joyce Manchester	X	Staff: Ashley Andrews

Guests: Mike LaCroix (VTrans), Zoe Neaderland (VTrans), and Kati Gallagher (MRV Planning)

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

Adjustments to the Agenda:

L Cattaneo requested to move the approval of the minutes to the beginning of the meeting to have a quorum.

Minutes from October November Meeting-

B Wernecke motioned and L Cattaneo seconded to approve the October minutes, with spelling and punctuation edits. S Corbett motioned, and A Quackenbush seconded, to approve the minutes with spelling and punctuation edits for November. Motions passed.

Public Comments:

D Bate mentioned that CVPRC was having Round Tables on Transportation and Energy and that it might be a good idea for the TAC to learn more.

Diverging Diamond Interchange Exit 16

Mike LaCroix, VTrans presented in part a public outreach campaign in improving the roadway along the US Route 2/7 corridor, in the vicinity of I-89 Exit 16, to enhance mobility and safety in Colchester, VT. The core of the project is to reconfigure the existing tight diamond interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (or DDI) at I-89 Exit 16. This will alleviate traffic congestion,

lengthy delays, and significant queuing during peak hours, and make it more bike and pedestrian friendly.
The construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2020 and be completed over the course of two full construction seasons, ending spring 2022. For more information please visit www.Exit16DDI.vtransprojects.vermont.gov

TPI Budget Updates

A. Andrews updated the TAC on FY2020 adjustments to the TPI budget. The TAC wanted to get more explanation for why money was being moved from task 4 to task 3. S Lotspeich motioned to accept the changes with more comment, B Wernecke moved and S Bascom seconded. Motion passed

Transportation Updates

It was recommended for to the TAC if they want more transportation updates other than the ones included in the agenda to look at additional legislative studies on the joint fiscal office website.

TAC Member Concerns

J Manchester had questions from the Moretown Select board, they are concerned about jack brakes on trucks on the Moretown Common Rd. They want to know how they get signs to prohibit this and enforce once they get the signs up (ordinance for noise and enforcement). The Town Highway Department would have to make the signs. Enforcement would be responsibility of the sheriffs.

Moretown is going to have lots of construction due to one-way bridge work and the village area is going to have sidewalk construction going on. Very worried about traffic through area. VTrans is working on the bridge, and the sidewalk is owned by the Town. VTrans might have traffic enforcement. There will be a detour would be 2 to 100. Signs will be provided by VTrans. But if town wants to discourage traffic the town needs to put up their own signs. VTrans will give some funding to upkeep local detour, just ask the state.

Plainfield had a meeting with Stantec and not VTrans to discuss the closing of the Main St bridge during the Route 2 and Main Street improvement project which will cut off access to the fire department and down town businesses. A dangerous intersection that is respected.

Plainfield RAMP had a meeting with Phoenix Mitchell of The Hitching Post to examine places on Route 2 either in Marshfield or Plainfield to put up a hitching post. The Hitching Post is trying to get matching money from the towns to help with grant funding. Both towns would have a diversion from the main route to get The Hitching Post pick up area.

Z. Neaderland wanted to remind everyone of GMT's Transit app GO Vermont site.

Northfield Ridge to Rivers is having a Summit Open House on the 30th at the Northfield Library Community room.

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2 Kati Gallagher from the Mad River Valley Planning District was asked to share any valley
3 updates. The Mad River Valley Floor Bus (which is a seasonal bus) made changes to better serve
4 the valley floor. Mad River Valley Transportation Advisory Committee (MRVTAC) would like
5 help to communicate to residents that this is an option for them to use.
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7 **Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

8 February 25th2020

9 Possible presentation on Energy Reducing Transportation Initiatives

10 Project Prioritization and Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidate List FY2021
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12 **Adjourn: Don La motion to adjourn.**

13 The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.