

CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes May 27, 2014

Barre City: Scott Bascom	Northfield: Leslie Matthews - Absent
Barre Town: Jeff Tucker - Absent, Harry Hinrichsen - Absent	Orange: Lee Cattaneo - Absent
Berlin: Bob Wernecke	Plainfield: Bob Atchinsen
Cabot: Kevin Lehoe - Absent	Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico - Absent
Calais: Rick DeWolfe - Absent	Waitsfield: Don LaHaye
Duxbury:	Warren: Craig Klofach - Absent
East Montpelier: Frank Pratt - Absent	Washington: Ray McCormack - Absent
Fayston: Kevin Russell - Absent	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich
Marshfield: Michael Sabourin - Absent	Williamstown: Larry Hebert
Middlesex: Ronald Krauth	Woodbury:
Montpelier: Eileen Simpson - Absent	Worcester: Bill Arrand - Absent
Moretown: Steve Sharp - Absent	Staff: Steve Gladczuk, Sue Sinclair, Amelia Norris
Others: Sasha Bianchi (VDH), Lucy Gibson (DuBois & King)	

The meeting began at 7:04 PM.

1. US Route 302 Berlin Bike & Pedestrian Scoping Study

Lucy Gibson from our consulting engineering firm, DuBois & King, attended the meeting and explained how traffic will operate with a three lane cross section and buffered bike lanes throughout the project area, which consists of US Route 302 in Berlin from the Wayside Restaurant & Bakery to Hooker's Furniture. The goal of the project is to increase bicycle and pedestrian access in order to promote alternative/active transportation and safety across and along the road. DuBois & King is about half way through the scoping study and has focused mainly on bicycling thus far. The road will undergo resurfacing in 2015, which presents an opportunity to implement a pilot project including new designated bicycle/ped lanes at the same time. What DuBois & King is proposing does not require costly changes to the roadway, just restriping to include a bike lane and buffer on each side. Concerns from members of the TAC committee include increased traffic congestion (Lucy assured that changes in traffic flow will be very minimal) and bike safety.

2. Approve April TAC Minutes

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes and Don seconded. There was no discussion and the minutes were passed.

3. FY15 Work Program

Steve G. updated last year's work program to include new tasks from VTrans. The TAC has received funding requests from GMTA, the Cross Vermont Trail Association, and the Mad River Path Association. Because the TAC will no longer fund administrative costs, funding is requested to cover projects:

- GMTA: GMTA/CCTA Transportation Development Plan, Survey of GMTA Boardings and de-Boardings
- Cross Vermont Trail Association: Update 1996 Conceptual Alignment Analysis for Cross Vermont Trail route in East Montpelier, Plainfield, and Marshfield, analysis of potential for rail to separate bike/ped from motor vehicles in vicinity of three blind curves on River Road in Duxbury
- Mad River Path Association: Mad River Valley Recreation Plan

\$15,173 is still available for additional contracts. The total budget is \$219,770. Don made a motion to approve the FY15 Work Program, Ron seconded, and the budget was approved.

4. Appoint Washington County Representative for three years to the CCTA/GMTA Board of Directors

Scott made a motion to reappoint Harold Garabedian, our current representative. Larry seconded and the appointment was approved by vote.

5. Nominate and Elect TAC Officers

Steve L. and Larry were nominated for Chair and Vice Chair respectively at the April TAC meeting. No further nominations were made. Don made a motion and Ron seconded. Steve L. and Larry were appointed by vote.

6. Strategic Disinvestments

VTrans is considering returning VT Route 232 (currently paved), which runs through Marshfield, Groton, Cabot, and Peacham, to gravel. The TAC recommends returning the road to gravel the next time repaving would occur and treat as a pilot project. If gravel does not meet the needs of the community (based on issues re: mud season, erosion, maintenance, lower speeds, etc.) then the road could be repaved.

7. Set agenda for the June TAC Meeting

- Alternatives Presentation on the VT Route 64 Williamstown/Northfield Park & Ride Lot Expansion Project
- Central Vermont Community Action Council
- Plan Central Vermont update

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.