

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

DRAFT Minutes

March 26, 2019

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Patrick DeMasi
X	Barre Town: Shaun Corbett		Orange: Lee Cattaneo
X	Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair	x	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Cabot: Karen Deasy	X	Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico
X	Calais: David Ellenbogen	X	Waitsfield: Don La Haye
X	Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush		Warren: Jim Sanford
X	East Montpelier: Frank Pratt		Washington: Vacant
X	Fayston: Kevin Russell	x	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
	Marshfield: Vacant		Williamstown: Rich Turner
	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
	Montpelier: Dona Bate		Worcester: Bill Arrand
X	Moretown: Joyce Manchester	X	Staff: Daniel Currier

Guests: Zoe Nederland (VTrans), Rachel Kennedy (GMT), Drew Pollak-Bruce (SE Group), Steven Farnham (Plainfield)

Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Quorum of members where not present. Introductions were completed.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Public Comments:

There were no public comment

Green Mountain Transit NextGen Public Meeting Presentation

Rachel Kennedy from Green Mountain Transit presented on the Nextgen service changes that are being proposed for Washington and Lamoille counties. She started by letting everyone know that these service changes are planned to go into effect in September is 2019 and that a new round of public meeting will be help in Washington county starting in May and June.

The routes proposed for service improvements include:

Barre and Montpelier Hospital Hill, Montpelier City Route, Waterbury Commuter, US 2 Commuter, Montpelier LINK Express, Northfield Commuter, Montpelier Circulator, Capital Shuttle, and the Route 100 Commuter.

Q - How old is the Montpelier circulator? I hear it takes 2 years for anyone to get use to a service.

1 A – The service is more than 8 years old.
2 Q - What are the percent cost shares of our bus route?
3 A - 20 % local match 30% State 50% Federal
4 Q - Where are the fares included in those percentages?
5 A – In the state percentage. Which for our region it is around 5%.
6 Q - What % are free passes like the ones UVM medical or students use?
7 A - Those passes are not free they are paid for by UVM. But they use the unlimited pass so you can ride
8 as many time as you like.
9 Q - What percentages of riders are commuters and one time users?
10 A - I don't have that number at the moment but I (Rachel) will look it up and get it to us.
11 Q - Is there anything going on in the Mad River Valley?
12 A - We still have the seasonal service running for Fy20. That service will have some improvements made
13 including going back to door to door pickups for FY20.
14 Q - Do you have any plans to connect from the ski area to the train station?
15 A - There was a Montpelier to Mad River service that fall short on ridership and was discontinued a few
16 year back. No the train service is unreliable at this time and can't be connected to.
17 Q – Is there any bus service planning to connect Hardwick on Route 14 and/or Morrisville on Route 12 to
18 Montpelier?
19 A - That was looked at during the study but is not planning at this time because it would increase costs.
20 Q - Are the buses allowed to idle in the parking lot?
21 A - I will have to check in on that and get back to you
22 S – There are rumor that the US 2 Commuter mid-day run will be discontinued.
23 I would not what this service changed as there is no way to get a ride back in the middle of the day
24 making people wait all day in Montpelier for the afternoon bus.
25 A - That route is still being reviewed and more feedback is being taken.
26 S - Meeting during the TAC meeting for public transit input disadvantages many people who need to
27 take transit.

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29 Additional feedback can be emailed to GMT feedback at feedback@RideGMT.com
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31 **Presentation on Trial Counts and Economic Impact Report**

32 Drew Pollak-Bruce of the SE Group presented on the Catamount Trail Association Trail Counting and
33 Economic Impact Analysis work they have being doing. The goal of this work is to gather data Year-over-
34 year to understand use, establish season-long trail counting in multiple locations along the Catamount
35 Trail and some local chapter trails, build an understanding of overall trail use by exploring different
36 sections/character, and understand the Catamount Economic impact on the local economy.
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38 Q – Does your economic impact model use the information found in the 2016 Vermont Trails and
39 Greenways Economic Impact Study?

40 A – Yes it does

41 Q – The spending numbers for the Catamount Trail seem really high, is there a reason?

42 A - While one item that contributes to the cost is the difference between and local and non-local
43 spenders. Where the non-local spending is higher than local spending.

44 Q – Is there any modeling of the health benefits?

1 A – We have not but I have hear that for every \$1 spent on trails saves \$3 in health costs.

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3 **Approve January 22th and February 26th TAC Minutes:**

4 S. Lotspeich and A. Quackenbush requested some edits to the minutes. No motion was made as there
5 was no quorum present to vote. The minutes will be added to the April meeting agenda for approval.

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7 **Review and Approve Prioritization of Capital Program Projects**

8 An annual list of CVRPC’s VTrans Capital Program Projects are prioritized by the TAC and submitted to
9 VTrans each year. Projects ranked by the region will have a greater probability of being selected by
10 VTrans to move forward to construction. VTrans is looking for the TAC to prioritize 20 Capital Program
11 Projects for FY21.

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13 D. Currier presented the list that was ranked at the February TAC meeting. S. Lotspeich suggested not
14 ranking the Waterbury Roadway project as the number 1 project because that project I under
15 construction right now and advance the Barre City-Barre Town, Roxbury, and Cabot-Danville by one
16 ranking position. D. Currier reported out on two projects that the TAC requested more information on:
17 US 2 roadway project in Plainfield and Marshfield is completed but due to the condition of the
18 pavement VTrans is programing a new project for this summer that will repair the surface. Duxbury’s
19 town highway bridge project is a new project to the list. The bridge is undersize and in need of
20 replacement. The TAC ranked the projects as follows:
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FY19 CVRPC Draft Priority Ranking	PIN	REPORTING FORMAT	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT NUMBER
Roadway				
Not Ranked	85B006	Front Of Book	WATERBURY	FEGC F 013-4(13)
1	83D106	Front Of Book	BARRE CITY-BARRE TOWN	MEGC M 6000(11)
2	17D045	Front Of Book	ROXBURY	STP SCRP(26)
3	78D348	Front Of Book	CABOT-DANVILLE	FEGC F 028-3(26)C/3
State Highway Bridges				
1	16B010	Front Of Book	MORETOWN	BF 0167(16)
2	12B148	Front Of Book	CALAIS	BHF 037-2(12)
3	12B144	Front Of Book	CALAIS	BHF 037-2(10)
4	12B146	Front Of Book	CALAIS	BHF 037-2(11)
5	13B254	D & E	BERLIN	BF 026-1(43)
6	12C602	D & E	WATERBURY	BF 0284(33)
7	12C576	D & E	BARRE TOWN	BF 0169(12)
8	86E053	Candidate	WORCESTER	BHF 0241()
Town Highway Bridges				
1	93J040	Candidate	WATERBURY	BO 1446()
2	18J008	D & E	MONTPELIER	NH DECK(48)
3	12J612	Candidate	CABOT	BF 0249()

4	96J272	Candidate	DUXBURY	TH3 9634
Traffic & Safety				
1	99D128	Front Of Book	BARRE TOWN	HES STPG 6100(6)
2	14T184	Front Of Book	PLAINFIELD	NH 028-3(41)
3	04D196	Front Of Book	BARRE CITY	HES 037-1(8)
4	10C388	Front Of Book	BARRE TOWN	STP HES 0169(8)

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2 “G. D’Amico agreed to remove the number one ranking from the Waterbury roadway project because
3 that project is under construction and advance the Barre City-Barre Town, Roxbury, and Cabot-Danville
4 by one ranking position. He agreed to pass the reviewed and prioritized list as adjusted onto the
5 executive committee for approval. F. Pratt seconded those statements and the TAC members present
6 agreed unanimously.”

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8 **TAC Member Concerns**

9 G. D’Amico commented that he did not like having the business plug from the SE Group and that the
10 numbers where hard to believe.

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12 F. Pratt commented that the East Barre and Williamstown Park and Ride are not being well maintained.
13 There are broken down cars making too hard to remove snow and trash everywhere. Z. Nederland
14 volunteered to follow up with VTrans to find out who maintains those and let them know.

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16 **Set Agenda for Future TAC Meeting**

- 17 Review of Functional Class Road Changes
- 18 Presentation on the use of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

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20 **Adjourn:**

21 The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.