

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

3 **Minutes**

4 **June 23, 2020**

5 **Attendees:**

x	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Jeff Shultz
	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
	Calais: David Ellenbogen	x	Waitsfield: Don La Haye
x	Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush		Warren: Jim Sanford
	East Montpelier: Frank Pratt		Washington: Vacant
	Fayston: Matt Lillard	x	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
	Marshfield: Robin Schunk	x	Williamstown: Rich Turner
x	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
	Montpelier: Dona Bate		Worcester: Bill Arrand
x	Moretown: Joyce Manchester		

Staff: Ashley Andrews

Guest: Peter Carbee – Washington, Zoe Neaderland and Dave Pelleter VTrans, and Michael Miller-Montpelier

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7 Chair S. Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Quorum was not present at the  
8 meeting. Introductions were completed.

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10 **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

11 No adjustments to the Agenda

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13 **Public Comments:**

14 Peter Carbee from Washington was present but since Washington doesn’t have a member he  
15 was monitoring the meeting.

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17 **Review of Draft March, April, May Minutes**

18 Postponed due to lack of quorum

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20 **Election of Officers**

21 Postponed due to lack of quorum

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23 **Sneak Peak: Updating Vermont Rail Plan and Freight Plan – Zoe Neaderland and Dave**

24 Pelletier, VTrans presented on an update of two important statewide plans; the Vermont Rail  
25 Plan last updated in 2015, and the Vermont Freight Plan last updated in 2012. The updates will  
26 be closely coordinated to efficiently incorporate the overlap of freight rail components. Both

1 plan updates will address developing issues, including changes to the global economy and  
2 evolving trade agreements, e-commerce, technological advancements, and the reliability and  
3 resilience of our transportation system. The asked the TAC about public participation, and who  
4 they thought should be involved.

5 **WACR MB Freight Corridor Commuter Rail Study-** A. Andrews presented a brief overview of  
6 the rail study commissioned by VTrans and done by VHB of an 8 mile stretch of rail from  
7 Montpelier Junction to Barre City to see feasibility of upgrading the track to a safe commuter rail.  
8 M. Miller told why this was of interest to the city of Montpelier.

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10 **TAC Member Comments/Concerns**

11 R. Krauth is concerned about Mass transit in the face of covid-19. If you need to spread people out  
12 between 3 to 4 buses that essentially cancels out the benefits. What is being done to address the issue?  
13 A.Andrews suggested if the TAC is interested to have GMT come and talk at an upcoming meeting about  
14 the topic.

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16 **Next Meeting ideas**

17 TPI work plan for next year  
18 GMT coping with the pandemic  
19 Election of Chair

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21 **Adjourn:** R. Wernecke suggested the meeting adjourn. D. LaHaye seconded

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23 The meeting was ended at 8 pm.