

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

3 **Minutes**
4 **July 28, 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	x	Roxbury: Jerry D'Amico
x	Calais: Alt Karin McNeill		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
x	Montpelier: Dona Bate	x	Worcester: Bill Arrand
x	Moretown: Joyce Manchester		

Staff: Ashley Andrews

Guest: Zoe Neaderland VTrans, Chris Damiani GMT, Alice Peal (Mad River Planning District TAC, and Waitsfield citizen)

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7 Chair S. Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Quorum was present at the meeting.
8 Introductions were completed.

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10 **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

11 A Andrews suggested that items that needed to be voted on should be done first so that
12 Robert Wernecke can participate since he just had knee surgery and was rather uncomfortable.

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14 **Public Comments:**

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

18 Minutes were accepted with changes made. Robert moved to accept the minutes with changes
19 Bob seconded.

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21 **Election of Officers**

22 Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair.

23 S. Bascom nominated S. Lotspeich for Chair; B. Atchinson seconded.

24 S. Bascom nominated R. Wernecke for Vice Chair; B. Arrand seconded

25 The motion was passed successfully.

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2 **D. Bate recommend that the TAC move the FY21 TPI Work Plan and Budget before the**
3 **presentation by GMT so that it could be voted on before R. Wernecke leaves.**

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5 **TPI Work Plan and Budget**

6 L. Catano made a motion to approve the program and budget as is and then have discussion on
7 motion later. D. Bate seconded. R. Wernecke supports the Budget and Plan as is. But he
8 suggested that next year that the Plan and Budget include the previous year for comparison. S.
9 Lotspeich also noticed that fy20 was written incorrectly on the budget tables and should have
10 read ffy2021. Z. Neaderland has volunteered to do a presentation on TRPT and act 667 at a
11 later date, since the TAC wasn't familiar with it.

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13 **The motion was passed**

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15 **GMT Update**

16 Chris Damiani Transit Planner at GMT presented on the changes to GMT since COVID-19
17 started. They are actively cleaning and disinfecting the buses, and have installed protective
18 barriers, and are giving out masks, they have decreased their service routes and the amount of
19 people that can ride the buses at one time but have buses available at certain locations if there
20 is overflow or deviations (which is a ¼ mile deviation from the fixed route) They have also
21 switched to use larger buses. The fare is now free which equates to about a \$2500 a day in
22 revenue loss in the Central Vermont area. Riders are now updated by social media, and other
23 associated apps, and a hotline number on changes. GMT did a survey to see what happens in
24 the future with 200 responses, which looked promising that riders still want to use the bus.
25 GMT has received CARES Act money to help offset costs due to lost revenue. There will be two
26 electric buses added to the GMT fleet in about two years that will operated in Central Vermont,
27 and GMT will also be operating an Uber style service for the Montpelier Circulator, Hospital Hill,
28 and Capitol Shuttle in the not too distant future.

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30 **TAC Member Comments/Concerns**

- 31 • J. Manchester is concerned about have to get CARES Act money to VTrans since GMT was
32 able to get some.
- 33 • K. McNeill said that the Town of Calais is interested in having the autonomous vehicle test
34 conducted in the Town, and wanted to get in touch with Joe Segale for more information. A.
35 Andrews said she would connect them.
- 36 • She is also wondering if there is any federal COVID funding out there that was going to
37 VTrans that might be made available/ useable by the RPCs for transportation infrastructure
38 funding? Z. Neaderland said she would look into it, but the only thing that she had heard of
39 were related to electric vehicles and health care. J. Manchester found data on vulnerable
40 population's transportation, but haven't heard of anything else.

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42 **September Meeting ideas**

43 Individual transit outdoor field trip possibly to Waterbury to look at the construction
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1 Alice Peal gave an update on what is going in the Mad River. The Mad River Valley Planning
2 District TAC is planning on doing a webinar showing what the Mad River has to offer in the way
3 of multimodal transportation. How to be forward thinking in the time of COVID, and would love
4 feedback from the CVPRC TAC. They would be happy to share with the CVPRC TAC at an
5 upcoming meeting when it is completed.

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7 **Adjourn:** S. Bascom moved the meeting adjourn. B. Atchinson seconded

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9 The meeting was ended at 7:57 pm.