

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Minutes
November 24, 2020

Attendees:

x	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Jeff Shultz
x	Barre Town: James West	x	Orange: Lee Cattaneo
x	Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair	x	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Cabot: John Cookson	x	Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico
x	Calais: David Ellenbogen	x	Waitsfield: Don La Haye
x	Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush		Warren: Jim Sanford
	East Montpelier: Frank Pratt	x	Washington: Peter Carbee
	Fayston: Matt Lillard	x	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
x	Marshfield: Robin Schunk	x	Williamstown: Rich Turner
x	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
x	Montpelier: Dona Bate		Worcester: Bill Arrand
	Moretown: Joyce Manchester		

Staff: Ashley Andrews

Guest: Zoe Neaderland, VTrans; Chris Damiani, GMT, and Alice Peal Mad River Valley Planning District TAC, Kevin Marshia from VTrans, and Christine Forde from CCRPC

Chair S. Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Quorum was present. Introductions were completed.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

Review of Draft October Minutes

Minutes were accepted with changes made. *J. West motioned to approve the minutes as corrected; B. Atchinson seconded. **Motion passed.***

VPSP2- Vermont Transportation Project Selection and Project Prioritization Update

Kevin Marshia who is part of Asset Management Bureau at VTrans and Christine Forde who is Senior Transportation Planner at CCRPC and is a RPC representative for VPSP2 presented on the changes to Project Prioritization task for VTrans. Their vision is to develop a performance-based, data driven project selection and prioritization framework that maximizes the “transportation value” delivered to Vermont taxpayers.

The Goals are:

- 1 • Identify and define how regional ideas for transportation improvements can become
2 transportation projects.
- 3 • Develop a fair, consistent, reliable, and standardized project selection and prioritization
4 framework for use by all RPC's.
- 5 • Revise current processes to increase transparency, provide "best value" while
6 communication the "transportation" value to our customers.
- 7 • Develop processes and tools that guide the Agency towards holistic corridor
8 management and planning.
- 9 • Identity a process that allows VTrans to remove candidate projects without legislative
10 approval.
- 11 • Incorporate health and resiliency into VTrans' project prioritization processes.

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13 There are five modes that the VPSP2 looks at: Highway, Rail, Walks Trails and Paths, Transit,
14 and Aviation, with the criteria of: Safety, Asset Condition, Mobility/Connectivity, Community,
15 Economic Access, Environment, Resiliency and Health Access.

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17 The group developed a qualifications worksheet to assess the scope and evaluate a new
18 projects potential transportation value.

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20 What to expect in 2021:

- 21 • VTrans will send a list of projects derived from Asset and Safety Management system for
22 TACs to review, evaluate and prioritize.
- 23 • 2021 will review only Paving, Roadway and Traffic and Safety projects.
- 24 • RPCs will work with the TAC to generate a "Transportation Value" for each project.
- 25 • TAC and TRORC Board approve of list to submit to VTrans by spring 2021.

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27 **FFY21 Transportation Planning Initiative Amendment**

28 CVRPC is proposing to adjust its FFY21 TPI work program and budget based on requests from VTrans and
29 the City of Barre. Changes include:

- 30 • Serving as lead RPC for expansion of the Transportation Planning Resilience Tool statewide, and
 - 31 • Assisting VTrans and the City of Barre to develop a grant application for the Trestle #308 scoping study.
- 32 *R. Wernecke moved that the TAC recommend the amendment. D. LaHaye seconded. **Motion to***
33 ***recommend was approved.***

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35 **TAC Rules of Procedure**

36 The Executive Committee made changes to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the TAC. They
37 include:

- 38 • OFFICERS/ELECTIONS: Added "of the committee" for clarification in relationship to Chair/Vice
39 Chair resignation. Added for clarification.
- 40 • Modified the final paragraph of the Rules of Procedure to bring them into conformance with
41 the Commission's bylaws. The sentence reads: "The TAC is a standing committee of the Regional

1 Planning Commission, and is therefore subject to the Commission's bylaws” The bylaws moved
2 the TAC from an ad hoc advisory committee to a standing committee in recognition of the TAC’s
3 long-standing service to the Commission.

- 4 • Noting that the Executive Committee reviews committee Rules of Procedure and makes
5 adoption recommendations to the Board as part of its role to set Board agendas.

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7 **TAC Member Concerns**

8 B. Atchinson, VTran is drilling and sampling and doing the background research they need to
9 move forward with the Main Street Route 2 Blinking Light Project. Also the Vermont Aviation
10 Advisory Council will be meeting Dec 2nd from 1-3pm. The link to the meeting is available here
11 at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/boards-councils/vaac>, along with the agenda.

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13 Z. Neaderland, Please mark calendars for Monday December 17th from 4-5:30 for the second
14 Town Hall for the Freight and Rail Plans. Also VTrans will be working with the RPC’s to reduce
15 repeat damage from major storms.

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17 A. Peal gave an update on the Mad River Valley GMT bus service. There will be no night service,
18 and the routes that will be running will have limited capacity with mask requirements.

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20 **Set Agenda for January 26th TAC Meeting**

21 Invite Costa Pappis from VTrans to present on the Vermont Airport System Plan

22 **Adjourn**

23 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm; B. Atchinson seconded. **Motion passed.***