

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Minutes
January 26, 2021

Attendees:

x	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Jeff Shultz
x	Barre Town Alt: Sebastian Arduengo	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
	Marshfield: Robin Schunk	x	Williamstown: Rich Turner
x	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
	Montpelier: Dona Bate	x	Worcester: Bill Arrand
x	Moretown: Joyce Manchester		

Staff: Ashley Andrews

Guest: Zoe Neaderland, VTrans; Chris Damiani, GMT, and Alice Peal Mad River Valley Planning District TAC

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

Adjustments to the Agenda

A. Andrews informed the TAC that CVRPC was in the process of hiring a new Senior Transportation/ Land Use Planner. They will be invited to the first meeting that they are employed.

Public Comments

Z. Neaderland stated that the Draft Rail Plan would be available in the next few weeks and she would send it to A. Andrews to send to the TAC.

Review of Draft January Minutes

*R. Krauth motioned to approve the minutes as corrected; D. La Haye seconded. **Motion carried.***

FFY21 Transportation Planning Initiative Amendment

1 CVRPC adopted an organizational budget adjustment after the previous TPI work program and
2 adjustment had been accepted by the TAC. The approved budget reflected new contracts and
3 additional expenses, including hiring a transportation planner. As a result, CVRPC is revising its
4 proposed FFY21 TPI work program and budget adjustment. VTrans was delayed in processing
5 the previous request, and this change is being substituted. Changes include:

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- 7 • Incorporating the State’s request for CVRPC to serve as lead RPC as VTrans expands the
8 Transportation Planning Resilience Tool (TRPT) statewide,
- 9 • Reallocating tasks among staff to reflect workload shifts that will occur with the
10 addition of a transportation planner in 2021, and
- 11 • Transferring funds from personnel to contractual to support contractor services for a
12 feasibility or other study.
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14 CVRPC issued a request for project ideas in January 2021. Tasks were reallocated among staff to
15 reflect workload shifts that will occur with the addition of a transportation planner in 2021. As
16 noted in the previous adjustment request, funds in Tasks 1 and 3 were reduced to
17 accommodate use of Planning Technicians through December 2020 by reducing the Executive
18 Director’s hours for Tasks 3 and 4. Funds were added to Task 6 for the TRPT assistance. Exhibits
19 2-3-4 reflect the adjusted budget.

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21 *R. Krauth moved that the TAC recommend the amendment. D. LaHaye seconded. **Motion***
22 *carried.*

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24 **TPI Funded Special Projects**

25 A. Andrews and S. Lotspeich presented on three previously funded TPI studies around the
26 region. CVRPC has sent out an RFP for Transportation Planning Services and/ or Studies for fy21
27 and the TAC will decide on which to fund for the February TAC meeting

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29 **Act 151 Energy; Energy efficiency; Transportation**

30 A. Andrews presented on Act 151 which is an act related to energy efficiency entities and
31 programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy and transportation
32 sectors. The act allocated 2 million dollars to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If the TAC is
33 interested in learning more about the Act, Andrews will get someone to come. It was suggested
34 that the TAC also get someone to present on what the State is doing to get electric school and
35 transit buses.

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37 **TAC Member Concerns**

38 R. Wernecke is upset with the State (VTrans and ANR) because there is a large steel corrugated
39 culvert at the intersection of Fisher Rd and Paine Turnpike S, on Fisher Rd that has failed and
40 the Town has had to temporarily close the road. The State installed the culvert in 1989, and

1 then gave it to the Town to maintain. The Town doesn't have the funds to fix it and it is a major
2 through fair to the Hospital, and the State is unwilling to help.

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4 **Adjourn**

5 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm; B. Arrand seconded. **Motion carried.***