

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Minutes
May 25, 2021

Attendees:					
	Barre City	Scott Bascom	X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	James West			Dara Torre, Alt
		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt		Northfield	Jeff Schulz
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke			Jon Ignatowski, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson	X	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
X	Calais	David Ellenbogen	X	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson
		Karin McNeill, Alt	X	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
X	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	X	Waitsfield	Don La Haye
	E. Montpelier	Frank Pratt			Harrison Snapp, Alt
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		Warren	Camilla Behn
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk		Washington	Peter Carbee
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth	X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
	Montpelier	Dona Bate	X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
		Harold Garabedian, Alt		Woodbury	Chris Koteas
				Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff:		Christian Meyer			
Guests:		Zoe Neaderland (VTrans); Alice Peal (Waitsfield)			

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by the CCRPC on the Chittenden County I-89 2050 Study. More information can be found and comments can be submitted at <https://envision89.com>.

Chair Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments to the agenda

Public Comments

Zoe Neaderland announced that the State Rail Plan is complete and currently under review by the Federal Rail Administration.

Review of Draft April Meeting Minutes

MOTION (Bob Atchinson; Seconded Don LaHaye) to approve the minutes with corrections.

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2 VOTED: Motion passed unanimously.

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4 **Nomination of Officers**

5 Nomination of officers will be held at the May meeting with votes to take place at the June CVRPC TAC
6 meeting

7 **Chair**

8 *Joyce Manchester nominated Steve Lotspeich as Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
9 Transportation Advisory Committee Chair; Gerry D'Amico Seconded.*

10 **Vice Chair**

11 *James West nominated Bob Wernecke as Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
12 Transportation Advisory Committee Vice Chair; Don LaHaye Seconded*

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14 MOTION (David Ellenbogen; Seconded Joyce Manchester) *that the nominees shall become elected
15 officers at the June meeting if no vote can be held at that time due to a lack of quorum.*

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17 VOTED: Motion passed unanimously.

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19 **VTrans Project Selection and Prioritization Process**

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- 21 • Christian Meyer presented briefly on the process and the regional portion of the VPSP2 scoring
22 workbook. Clarifying questions were asked and the process discussed. Joyce Manchester
23 verified that the committee was being asked to vote on the Transportation Value (TV) Scores
24 and the corresponding ranking of the projects and that the TAC, in future years, may not always
25 choose to prioritize projects based on the TV score.
 - 26 • Zoe Neaderland pointed out that the process is being used to develop a list of 150% of what is
27 expected to actually be included in the capital program. This allows the Agency to maintain a full
28 program of projects even if certain projects need to be delayed.
 - 29 • David Ellenbogen inquired about integrating equity into the scoring process and if that had been
30 reflected in the scores before the committee. No, equity had not yet been included in the
31 scoring process.
 - 32 • The Committee asked to use the list of projects as presented in the meeting packet and below.

CVRPC Transportation Value Scores and Ranking for the VTrans Capital Program

Paving	TV Score	TV Score Ranking
Barre-East Montpelier_Route14	66	1
Bradford-Orange_Route25	47	6
Chelsea-Washington_Rout110	47	6
Montpelier-Marshfield_Route2	64	2
Northfield-Williamstown_Route64	54	4
Peacham-Marshfield_Route232	42	8
Waitsfield-Moretown_Route100	56	3
Worcester-Morristown_Route12	53	5

Roadway	TV Score	TV Score Ranking
Middlesex-Montpelier_Route2	54	3
Moretown-Middlesex_Route2	60	1
Williamstown-BarreTown_Route14	60	1

Traffic and Safety	TV Score	TV Score Ranking
Barre City-Barre Town	46	1
Berlin-Montpelier	44	2
Waitsfield VT100 Intersection VT17	44	2

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2 MOTION (Bob Wernecke; Seconded Richard Turner) *to approve the final transportation values, as scored*
3 *in the VPSP2 and presented to the committee in the meeting packet for its May 25, 2021 meeting, to also*
4 *include the Waitsfield VT100 Intersection with VT17 project.*

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6 VOTED: Motion failed.

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8 David Ellenbogen further articulated his concerns with regard to including equity in the scoring process
9 and how that may have influenced how each project scored relative one another. Additional concerns
10 were outlined by other committee members. Zoe Neaderland further acknowledged the absence of
11 equity in the ranking process but highlighted that while this is a new topic for VTrans, it is one they are
12 working on diligently to integrate in their programs across the Agency.

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14 MOTION (Joyce Manchester; Seconded Bob Wernecke) *to approve the final transportation values, as*
15 *scored in the VPSP2 and presented to the committee in the meeting packet for its May 25, 2021 meeting,*
16 *to also include the Waitsfield VT100 Intersection with VT17 project, and noting that the CVRPC TAC is*
17 *displeased that the equity criteria were not included in this process and fully expect these criteria will be*
18 *included in subsequent prioritization rounds.*

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20 Discussion: James West asked to clarify that by stating ‘next round,’ there is no expectation that these
21 scores voted on in the meeting will be revised? Yes, that is the intention. James West further added that

1 he would have liked the committee to have additional time to comment on the program of projects.
2 Staff noted his concerns and fully expected additional opportunity for comment in future rounds of
3 prioritization.

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5 VOTED: Motion passed unanimously.

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7 In closing Zoe Neaderland offered to explore having VTrans present to the TAC on how the Agency was
8 approaching the integration of equity into this prioritization process and across programs.

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10 **VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program**

11 Staff reiterated that there is a regional letter of support required for the Bicycle and Pedestrian
12 Program. Please let CVRPC know if you are intending to apply. The application deadline is 1:00 PM on
13 June 4, 2021.

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15 **TAC Member Round Table**

16 Alice Peal raised the question to the committee regarding other communities and how they have
17 addressed pedestrian safety issues and what has been successful. Committee members thought this
18 would be a good topic to have a speaker address. Christian Meyer said he could track down someone to
19 present to the group.

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21 Additionally, the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategic Plan is available online and may add to this
22 conversation: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/bpsp>.

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24 **Adjourn**

25 *MOTION (Don LaHaye; Seconded Lee Cattaneo) to adjourn*

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27 *VOTED: Passed Unanimously*

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29 *Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM*