

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
DRAFT Minutes
June 22, 2021

Attendees:						
	Barre City	Scott Bascom		X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan				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
X	E. Montpelier	Frank Pratt				Harrison Snapp, Alt
	Fayston	Donald Simonini			Warren	Camilla Behn
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk		X	Washington	Peter Carbee
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth		X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
	Montpelier	Dona Bate		X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
		Harold Garabedian, Alt			Woodbury	Chris Koteas
				X	Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff:		Christian Meyer				
Guests:		Chris Damiani (GMTA)				

Chair Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments to the agenda

Public Comments

None

Review of Draft May Meeting Minutes

Lee Cattaneo made a motion, seconded by Richard Turner, *to accept the minutes from May 25, 2021 with corrections.* The motion was unanimously adopted.

1 **Election of Officers**

2 Steve Lotspeich recapped that at the May meeting nominations had been made to elect Steve
3 Lotspeich to serve as Chair and for Robert Wernecke to serve as Vice Chair, he then opened the
4 floor to any additional nominations. No further nominations were made. By unanimous vote
5 Steve Lotspeich was elected Chair and Robert Wernecke was elected Vice Chair
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7 **TPI Work Plan**

8 Staff reviewed updates to the federal fiscal year 2022 (FFY22) Transportation Planning Initiative
9 (TPI) work program and how it differs from the FFY21 work program. Gerry D’Amico made the
10 motion, seconded by Robert Wernecke, *to approve the proposed FFY22 work program and*
11 *budget.* Joyce Manchester suggested a friendly amendment to give due consideration to the
12 electrification of vehicles and the network. The motion, which after discussion and amendment
13 was unanimously adopted as follows: *to approve the proposed FFY22 work plan and budget*
14 *with due consideration for planning for the electrification of private vehicles, public vehicles, and*
15 *transit and the supporting infrastructure.*
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17 **In person meetings**

18 The committee discussed re-establishing in person meetings. The consensus of members
19 preferred that meetings continue to be held in a hybrid format, allowing members to attend in
20 person or virtually based on their comfort level. Staff noted that per CVRPC guidelines masks
21 are currently still required when attending meetings in person. David Ellenbogen made the
22 motion, seconded by Peter Carbee, that *the TAC provide the opportunity to attend all its*
23 *meeting virtually.* Robert Wernecke suggested that the TAC did not have the authority to
24 mandate all meetings be made hybrid and suggested a friendly amendment that “strongly
25 recommend” be added. Steve Lotspeich brought up that during field trips, communication
26 infrastructure would not be available to broadcast the events and allow for virtual attendance
27 and recommended a friendly amendment to reflect this. The motion, which after discussion
28 and amendment was unanimously adopted as follows: *the TAC strongly recommends that all*
29 *TAC meetings be held in the hybrid format, allowing for participants to attend in person or*
30 *virtually, except where the TAC is meeting in the field.*
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32 **Field Trips**

33 Steve Lotspeich raised the proposal of holding a field trip during the July meeting to visit the
34 Waterbury Main Street project, which is midway through construction. Enough interest was
35 expressed by members that staff will investigate how this could be achieved.
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37 **Local Concerns Including Project Updates and Other Issues**

38 Lee Cattaneo stated that a functional reclassification change form had been completed and
39 submitted for Brook Road and Reservoir Road in Plainfield and Orange over two years ago and
40 they have not received a response from VTrans/Federal Highway Administration. Staff stated
41 that they would follow up.
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- 1 **Topics for future meetings**
- 2 Complete Streets, Equity Report, Electrification of the transportation, AV testing program,
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- 4 **Adjourn**
- 5 Lee Cattaneo made the motion, seconded Don La Haye, *to adjourn*. The motion carried.
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- 7 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

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