



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Attendees:						
	Barre City	Vacant		X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan				Dara Torre, Alt
X		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt		X	Northfield	Jon Ignatowski
	Berlin	Robert Wernecke				Patrick Demasi, 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 LaHaye
X		David Wendt, Alt.				Harrison Snapp, Alt
	E. Montpelier	Frank Pratt			Warren	Camilla Behn
	Fayston	Donald Simonini			Washington	Peter Carbee
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk		X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth		X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
X	Montpelier	Dona Bate			Woodbury	Chris Koteas
		Harold Garabedian, Alt		X	Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Christian Meyer						
Guests: Chris Damiani (GMT), Amanda Holland (AOT), Zoe Neaderland (AOT), Alice Peal						

Chair Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present
- Amanda Holland, the new VTrans regional coordinator for CVRPC, introduced herself.

Adjustments to the Agenda

- No adjustments to the agenda.

Public Comments

- No comments made.



1 **Review of Draft November Meeting Minutes**

- 2 • Steve Lotspeich asked that the text be clarified on page 2 under local concerns regarding
3 salt penetration on bridge deck in Plainfield. Staff made the modifications. Dona Bate
4 made the motion, Seconded by Bob Atchinson, to *accept the November TAC meeting*
5 *minutes as modified*.
6 By unanimous consent, the motion carried with Sebastian Arduengo abstaining.

7 **CVRPC TPI Work Program and Transportation Studies**

- 8 • Staff outlined the current projected budget surplus given current billing trends under
9 the TPI work program. This surplus will provide the region the opportunity to pursue
10 additional temporary staff or run consultant led studies. Staff requested input from the
11 TAC on what would be most valuable to municipalities from a programmatic
12 perspective.
- 13 • Discussion ensued with several members voicing support for intermunicipal and regional
14 active transportation studies. Sebastian Arduengo also advised that the Region should
15 see if there were opportunities to collaborate with the Cross Vermont Trail.
- 16 • Joyce Manchester inquired if there were opportunities for the region to help
17 municipalities prepare for the major state and federal initiatives on climate change
18 mitigation and adaptation. Staff recognized that in this context this work would have to
19 focus on transportation's impacts on and vulnerabilities to climate change.
- 20 • Joyce Manchester suggested a regional training series to educate municipal leaders and
21 the public on energy and electric vehicles might be beneficial. Steve Lotspeich
22 mentioned that Waterbury does an EV fair once a year where residents come and talk to
23 their neighbors about switching to an EV. Don LaHaye mentioned that there was a
24 website tracking charging stations and providing route planning. He also mentioned that
25 there are a number of incentive programs available from the utilities to support
26 switching. David Ellenbogen followed up that this could be more than just
27 transportation, but should also be a discussion of how this new transportation
28 infrastructure will fit local ordinances.
- 29 • Additional discussion on local priorities ensued.
- 30 • Staff then asked the committee members to consider the criteria by which the Region
31 prioritizes proposals for funding. Lee Cattaneo requested that economic impact, both in
32 terms of jobs and social equity, be considered as a criterion. Fellow committee members
33 voiced support.



1 TAC Member Round Table

- 2 • Don LaHaye brought up road painting and how it can be maintained in a manner that
3 supports the line detection safety features included on many modern cars.
- 4 • Gerry D'Amico mentioned that the legislature is studying transportation finance. Zoe
5 Neaderland mentioned that testimony has been given by VTrans and that she would
6 look into which committees were looking at the issue. Conversation ensued.
- 7 • Bob Atchinson updated the group on the pedestrian bridge in Plainfield. The project has
8 been shut down for the winter. The Plainfield EV charger at Mill Park is still offering
9 charging for a recommended donation of \$0.25 a kWh.
- 10 • Ronald Krauth inquired about E-busses. CD stated that there were currently two 40'
11 electric busses operating in Chittenden County. The electric versions of the smaller
12 busses that operate in the Central Vermont region are not yet available for purchase
13 with federal funds.
- 14 • Bob Atchinson asked that the topic of road crew recruitment be included in a future TAC
15 meeting.
- 16 • Zoe Neaderland gave a quick update on this VTrans equity framework study. Stating that
17 the study is still in early stages but as it develops additional information will be shared
18 with the TAC.
- 19 • Staff gave a quick update on the availability of funding through the Downtown
20 Transportation Fund for capital improvements in designated downtowns and the
21 expanded eligibility for those designated village centers where better connections
22 studies have been completed.

23 Adjourn

24 Don LaHaye made the motion, seconded by Lee Cattaneo, *to adjourn*. By unanimous consent,
25 the motion carried.

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27 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.