



Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will be held virtually

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Agenda

- 6:30 1) Meeting Commencement
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Adjustments to the Agenda
 - c) Public Comment
- 6:35 2) Approval of November TAC Meeting Minutes (*Enclosed*)
- 6:40 3) Regional Issues (*Enclosed*)
 - a) CVRPC TPI Work Program
 - b) Regional Priorities and Transportation Studies
- 7:20 4) TAC Member Round Table
 - a) Local concerns including project updates and other issues
 - b) VTrans Equity framework
- 7:35 5) Adjourn

Next Meeting February 22, 2022

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CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Minutes
November 23, 2021

Attendees:					
	Barre City	Vacant		X	Moretown Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan			Dara Torre, Alt
		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt			Northfield Jeff Schulz
	Berlin	Robert Wernecke			Patrick Demasi, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson		X	Orange Lee Cattaneo
	Calais	David Ellenbogen		X	Plainfield Bob Atchinson
X		Karin McNeill, Alt		X	Roxbury Gerry D'Amico
X	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush		X	Waitsfield Don La Haye
X		David Wendt, Alt.			Harrison Snapp, Alt
	E. Montpelier	Frank Pratt			Warren Camilla Behn
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		X	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: Ashley Andrews					
Guests: Chris Damiani (GMT), Zoe Neaderland (AOT)					

Chair Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments to the agenda

Public Comments

Zoe Neaderland updated the committee that the Draft State Freight Plan is forthcoming and will have its last short public comment period which ends December 8th. Please send comments to Zoe Neaderland.

Review of Draft October Meeting Minutes

Steve Lotspeich recommended that the TAC wait until the January meeting to review minutes since the CVPRC website was down.

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2 **2022 Meeting Calendar (1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28,7/26, 9/27,10/25, 11/22)**

3 Peter Carbee made a motion to accept the calendar, Rich Turner seconded. *Motion passed*
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5 **Regional Issues**

- 6 A) **MyRide Transit Service-** Presentation by Christopher Damiani of GMT. Chris presented
7 on how the two year pilot program was going for the first year and how GMT will be
8 doing a reeducation campaign with how to ride materials, a new survey, outreach for
9 the legislatures, and continuing to update the service.
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11 **TAC Member Round Table**

12 **A) Local Concerns Including Project Updates and Other Issues**

13 Bob Atchinson from Plainfield gave an update on the Route 2 and Main Street project. The
14 pedestrian bridge is ongoing and there are holes in the deck on the existing bridge and
15 there is concern about salt getting into their, during the winter. According to VTrans the
16 deck and substructure are in great condition but the Town is worried that it won't last long
17 since there has been a lot of equipment use which has pounded the deck, and the Town
18 feels that VTrans needs to plug and patch before more damage occurs. VTrans has also
19 removed the railing on the south side of the bridge.
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21 The Park and Ride in Berlin is Open!
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- 23 **B) Road Crew Staffing-**Staff shared that at the November TPI meeting that Vermont Local
24 Roads was putting together a training and presentations to be shared at Selectboard
25 meetings, TACs, and schools to encourage people to apply to Town Road Crew positions
26 since Towns are struggling to find help.

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28 **Adjourn**

29 Don Lahaye made the motion, seconded by Bill Arrand, *to adjourn*. The motion carried.
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31 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 25, 2022
To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Christian Meyer, Senior Planner
Re: CVRPC TPI Work Program and Regional Priorities

✉ **ACTION REQUESTED:** Provide input on updates to the 2022 CVRPC TPI work program to fully take advantage of the current year's allocation.

As the CVRPC has completed the first quarter of the current federal fiscal year, we are beginning to have a clear picture of our transportation planning spending relative to our budget and whether funding will be available for additional transportation planning work, such as the feasibility studies that have been completed in recent years. Staff are requesting input from the TAC on initiatives that would best support regional transportation priorities. The following opportunities have been identified:

- 1) Temporary regional staff to execute specific tasks, such as: town bridge and culvert inventories, roadside Ash tree inventories, support work in the development of the regional transportation plan.
- 2) Regional transportation needs studies, such as: Bike and pedestrian master planning, regional recreation connectivity study.
- 3) Regional/Municipal feasibility studies. These studies would follow the model of past years' work.

To help focus the discussion, the following criteria are being proposed for consideration:

- 1) Regional impact
- 2) Improved maintenance or operations
- 3) Public Health & Safety
- 4) Support of regional and state energy and climate goals
- 5) Consideration of social equity
- 6) Ongoing phased projects or the relation to adopted plans
- 7) Availability of other funding

Priorities and selection criteria will be discussed at the January meeting with municipal applications due in February and selections taking place at the February TAC meeting.