



## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Attendees:						
X	Barre City	Michael Hellein		X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan				Dara Torre, Alt
X		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt		X	Northfield	Jon Ignatowski
X	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
		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 (Chair)
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth		X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
X	Montpelier	Dona Bate			Woodbury	Chris Koteas
		Harold Garabedian, Alt			Worcester	Bill Arrand
<b>Staff:</b> Christian Meyer, Brian Voight						
<b>Guests:</b> Amanda Holland (AOT), Joshua Schwartz (MRVPD), Amy Tomasso (MRVPD), Annie Decker-Dell'Isola (Waitsfield), Corey Line (Montpelier)						

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

#### Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

#### Adjustments to the Agenda

- No adjustments to the agenda.

#### Public Comments

- No comments were made.

#### Review of Draft February Meeting Minutes

- Robert Wernecke made the motion, Seconded by Don LaHaye, *to accept the February TAC meeting minutes as presented.* By unanimous consent, the motion carried.

## 1 TPI Study Prioritization

- 2 • Representatives from each municipality submitting ideas for projects to be included in  
3 the CVRPC work program were given an opportunity to briefly describe their projects  
4 and respond to questions from TAC members.
- 5 • Michael Hellein discussed Barre City's proposal to study traffic calming along Berlin  
6 Street. TAC members recommended extending the study limits to the intersection with  
7 Route 62 and Route 302. Michael Hellein suggested this might complicate the study by  
8 implicating additional stakeholders, namely the State and the railroad company. Michael  
9 Hellein emphasized that the City has greater resources to execute and implement plans  
10 than it does to take on these kinds of studies.
- 11 • Corey Line introduced the concept of a multi-use connector from State Street to the  
12 Montpelier recreation path, which also serves as the CV Path and the Cross VT Trail.  
13 Corey Line further noted that voters had recently approved funding for the Confluence  
14 Park, which would be served by this connector. TAC members questioned what  
15 additional access this connector would provide beyond the nearby connection via Taylor  
16 Street or along the sidewalks on State Street. The City noted that this is a safety issue.  
17 This cut through is already receiving traffic and this study would formalize an accessible  
18 route. Further concerns were voiced regarding redundancy and how this fit into past  
19 bike and pedestrian planning along State Street and Elm Street.
- 20 • Annie Decker-Dell'Isola and Joshua Schwartz discussed this joint effort to make  
21 pedestrian and cycling improvements along Tremblay Road in Waitsfield. This study is  
22 needed to accommodate increased usage that is expected to result from a new walking  
23 path being built along the neighboring section of the Mad River. The Town is planning to  
24 restripe and they want to know their options. The project is widely supported in local  
25 plans. TAC members were interested in how the project would connect to Route 100  
26 and how increased bike and ped volume would be accommodated on the state route .  
27 Joshua Schwartz noted that the shoulder is wide and that speed limits have recently  
28 been lowered in this section of road. Further questions were voiced regarding design,  
29 but local representatives reiterated that the goal of the study will be to identify options.
- 30 • Joyce Manchester asked about budget constraint under the TPI work program. Staff  
31 stated that up to \$30,000 had been budgeted for the study but that there was a lot of  
32 uncertainty as to how consultants will respond to the RFP.
- 33 • Dona Bate wondered if the funds could be split three ways among the municipalities.  
34 Staff replied that, this was feasible but might not be recommended given the short time  
35 frame and the anticipated market conditions for consultants. Dona Bate *moved to split*  
36 *the funds equally across the proposals*, seconded by Bob Atchinson.

- Discussion: The three municipalities were asked if they could still move forward with partial funding. Barre City thought it would be difficult, Montpelier would adjust their scope, and Waitsfield would probably not be able to move forward. The Chair called a vote by roll call. The motion failed.

Vote by Municipality					
Barre City	n/a	Marshfield	n/a	Waitsfield	Nay
Barre Town	Nay	Middlesex	Nay	Warren	n/a
Berlin	Nay	Montpelier	Yea	Washington	n/a
Cabot	n/a	Moretown	Nay	Waterbury	Nay
Calais	Nay	Northfield	Nay	Williamstown	Nay
Duxbury	Nay	Orange	Nay	Woodbury	n/a
E. Montpelier	n/a	Plainfield	Yea	Worcester	n/a
Fayston	n/a	Roxbury	Nay		

- TAC members commented on the individual projects and how voting should proceed. The TAC considered two methods of voting, a simple 1,2,3 ranking or by assigning ten points among the three proposals. Several members expressed strong preference for one project over another and felt these preferences would not be reflected in a simple ranking.
- Sebastian Arduengo *moved that committee accept a ranking based on each committee member allocating ten points among the three projects.* The motion was seconded by Robert Wernecke. The Chair called a vote and the motion carried by unanimous consent.
  - Staffed summed the scores and the projects were ranked as follows.

Project	Score	Rank
Barre City – Berlin Street	74	1
Montpelier – Rec Path Connection	32	3
Waitsfield – Tremblay Road	44	2

#### TPI Budget Amendment

- Staff reviewed the budget adjustments intended to incorporate consultant led studies and the addition of planning technicians for summer field work.
- Lee Cattaneo *moved to approve the revised CVRPC Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) FFY 2022 work program budget tables.* Motion seconded by Robert Wernecke. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

1 **Kick off of VPSP2 Bridge Process**

- 2 • Staff reviewed the VTrans project selection process (VPSP2) for 2022, pointing out  
3 resources available to help TAC members review individual projects and encouraging  
4 them or municipal representatives to reach out to CVRPC staff with any specific  
5 questions.
- 6 ○ Amanda Holland noted that the region and municipalities will be asked to  
7 contribute data in those fields shaded pink.
  - 8 ○ Steve Lotspeich asked when diversity and equity would be integrated? Amanda  
9 Holland noted that the Agency of Transportation is developing a framework for  
10 integrating these issues and the TAC will be engaged in this discussion once the  
11 process is underway.
  - 12 ○ Robert Wernecke wondered how historically significant projects were scored to  
13 reflect their cultural value. Staff stated they would look into it.
  - 14 ○ Lee Cattaneo requested a map of the “asset driven” and “committed” projects.  
15 Staff stated they would pull that together for the committee.

16 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 17 • Joyce Manchester raised the question and committee members discussed traffic  
18 calming on dirt roads to promote a safe walking and cycling environment.

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20 **Adjourn**

21 Don LaHaye made the motion, seconded by Ronald Krauth, *to adjourn*. By unanimous consent,  
22 the motion carried.

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24 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.