



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Attendees:						
X	Barre City	Michael Hellein		X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan				Dara Torre, Alt
		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt			Northfield	Jon Ignatowski
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke (Chair)				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
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.			Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
X	E. Montpelier	Frank Pratt		X	Washington	Peter Carbee
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk			Williamstown	Richard Turner
	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth			Woodbury	Chris Koteas
X	Montpelier	Dona Bate			Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff:		Christian Meyer				
Guests:		None present				

Chair Robert Wernecke called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

- No additions

Public Comments

- None

Planning Technicians Update

- Staff introduced Nicholas Pellegrini, one of the region's two planning technicians who will be supporting work on the regional transportation plan and conducting field work to gather data for the bridge and culvert inventories.

1 **Review of Draft May Meeting Minutes**

- 2 • Don LaHaye made the motion, seconded by Peter Carbee, *to accept the May TAC*
3 *meeting minutes as presented*. The motion carried.

4 **FFY 2022 TPI budget adjustments**

- 5 • Staff briefed the committee on the anticipated budget adjustments for the FFY 22 TPI
6 budget. Action is anticipated on this item at the July TAC meeting. Steve Lotspeich asked
7 about the process for approvals once the budget has been reviewed by the TAC.
8 Christian Meyer responded that once an accepted budget has been reviewed by the
9 TAC, it will be submitted to VTrans for processing. It will also be forwarded to the
10 Executive Committee for review. The RPC is restricted from spending more than is
11 budgeted for any given task, even when funds may be available under different tasks.

12 **FFY 2023 TPI Work Program**

- 13 • Staff reviewed the proposed changes to the work plan and requested feedback from the
14 committee on locally important initiatives that should be considered for inclusion. Staff
15 updated the committee on the status of the TPI funded consultant led study of Berlin
16 Street in Barre City that received no proposals during advertisement and raised the
17 question as to whether this project should be included in the forthcoming plan. Michael
18 Hellein wondered if folks thought advertising this project again would necessarily lead
19 to a different result? Staff and several committee members thought timing can often
20 make a difference, but cautioned that local firms are really busy.

21 **Transitioning the CVRPC E&D committee to a Mobility Committee**

- 22 • Staffed briefed the group on the CV E&D Committee (REDPAC), its proposed expanded
23 role as a mobility committee, and if there were other organizations the committee
24 thought should be involved in the mobility conversation. Bob Atchinson thought the
25 committee should be in touch with the Community of Vermont Elders. Stephanie
26 Magnan recommended trying to talk to the larger construction companies, many of
27 which are located on Hospital Hill, as she knows they have difficulty getting their
28 employees to work in the early morning. Many members were unaware of CVRPC's
29 involvement in this committee and wanted to learn more, requesting regular updates
30 during future meetings. Several members were also curious to understand how this
31 committee fit with the other CVRPC committees. Staff stated that this committee is not
32 a CVRPC committee but rather an external entity that CVRPC supports with staffing and
33 posting of meeting agendas and minutes to the web site. Dona Bate stated, from her
34 experience working with the group, she would describe it as a forum where partners
35 could meet to share resources and support each other's needs.

1 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 2 • Bob Atchinson noted that the Ethan Allen Express will begin trips from Burlington to
3 New York City on 7/29/22.
- 4 • Steve Lotspeich shared that Waterbury had received the Downtown Transportation
5 Grant for sidewalk improvements. Steve Lotspeich continued that work is being done on
6 the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and construction is expected to be complete this summer.
- 7 • Dona Bate shared that Montpelier will be installing the interim bi-directional bike path
8 along Barre Street from the intersection with Main Street to the Recreation Center.
- 9 • General praise was expressed for the new Winooski Bridge along the Cross Vermont
10 Trail.
- 11 • RW shared that the Bike and Ped Study along Fisher Road, providing access to the
12 Hospital and Mall area, is underway and urged attendees to take a look at the survey as
13 many of them were probably users.

14 **Adjourn**

15 Don LaHaye made the motion, seconded by Bob Atchinson, *to adjourn*. By unanimous consent,
16 the motion carried.

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18 The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.