



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Attendees:					
	Barre City	Michael Hellein	X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan			Dara Torre, Alt
		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt		Northfield	
	Berlin	Robert Wernecke (Chair)			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 LaHaye
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.		Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
	E. Montpelier	Frank Pratt		Washington	Peter Carbee
	Fayston	Donald Simonini	X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk		Williamstown	Richard Turner
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth	X	Woodbury	Chris Koteas
X	Montpelier	Dona Bate		Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Christian Meyer, Keith Cubbon					
Guests: Amanda Holland					

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 additions

Public Comments

- None

Staffing announcements

- Christian Meyer announced that everyone at CVRPC was excited for Ashley Andrews who has left the RPC to work with VTRANS on the Grants in Aid Program. Christian also introduced Keith Cubbons who has recently joined the CVRPC team. He is currently

1 getting up to speed in hazard mitigation but will have at least one foot in transportation
2 planning.

3 **Review of Draft May Meeting Minutes**

- 4 • Don LaHaye ***moved*** to accept the June TAC meeting minutes as amended. The motion
5 was seconded by Dona Bate. By unanimous consent, the motion carried.

6 **Green Mountain Power energy programs**

- 7 • Tiana Smith and Zach Casey from GMP reviewed existing programs available within the
8 GMP service area to transition from carbon intensive energy to electric energy including
9 programs that will benefit municipalities.
- 10 • Ronald Krauth asked if GMP would have a hand in setting up roadside EV chargers. Tiana
11 noted that GMP is working to ensure the right technologies are being installed at the
12 right locations for communities and noted two programs that the State and towns
13 would benefit from. (1) FHWA will provide funding for EV chargers through the NEVI
14 Formula Program, and (2) the State will provide funding through the ACCD and the
15 General Fund to focus on installing chargers at work places, multifamily dwellings, and
16 community centers.
- 17 • Chris Koteas asked how his town could benefit from similar programs if they were out of
18 the GMP service area. Tiana said that GMP collaborates with the other Distribution
19 Utilities and would be happy to discuss their programs with anyone.

20 **FFY 2022 TPI budget adjustments**

- 21 • Staff reviewed the budget adjustments for the committee.
- 22 • Chris Koteas ***moved*** to endorse the budget adjustments to the FFY22 CVRPC TPI work
23 program as proposed, the motion was seconded by Bob Atchinson. By unanimous
24 consent, the motion carried.

25 **FFY 2023 TPI Work Program**

- 26 • Staff reviewed the new work tasks included in the program and how the budget
27 compares to the past year's budget.
- 28 ○ Dona Bate asked if some of the increases are expected to continue into the
29 future or if these allocations are short term and may disappear in future years.
30 Amanda Holland stated she was uncertain and that she would try to track down
31 more information.
- 32 ○ Steve Lotspeich asked if there were specific projects that might be included
33 under Task 7. Staff reviewed the language in the work plan and the legislative
34 language, but ultimately the specifics of how this task will better integrate bike
35 and pedestrian planning into transportation planning is still evolving.

- Dona Bate asked how the work of the inter-municipal recreation economy collaborative (hosted by CVRPC) could fit with the bike and pedestrian integration work? Staff thought there was an opportunity to work together but that there were limits on how transportation funding could be used on recreation planning.

- Lee Cattaneo ***moved to adopt the proposed FFY23 CPRPC TPI work plan as presented.***
Dona Bate Seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the motion carried.

TAC Member Round Table

- Karin McNeill asked how other towns are dealing with municipal roadside mowing to reduce invasive plant species. Steve Lotspeich shared that Waterbury has a local volunteer program that tries to weed out the invasives. Karin McNeill noted that Calais had conducted a study but that the recommendations seemed overly cumbersome for town crews. Are there opportunities to share techniques that are proving successful in one town with other municipalities and are there other available of trainings? Amanda Holland noted that VT Locals Roads offers a course. Dona Bate noted that Montpelier has reduced the amount of mowing it is doing.
- Bob Atchinson offered to discuss Plainfield's experience getting its electric vehicle charger with any other towns interested.

Adjourn

Don LaHaye ***moved to adjourn.*** Bob Atchinson seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the motion carried.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.