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Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

| Attendees: | | | | | | |
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| | Barre City | Michael Hellein | | X | Moretown | Joyce Manchester |
| X | Barre Town | Stephanie Magnan | | | | Dara Torre, Alt |
| | | Sebastian Arduengo, Alt | | | Northfield | |
| | Berlin | Robert Wernecke (Vice 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 (Chair) |
| | 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 | | | | |

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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

1 introduced Keith Cubbons who joined the CVRPC team. He is currently getting up to
2 speed in hazard mitigation but will have at least one foot in transportation planning.

3 **Review of Draft May Meeting Minutes**

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

6 **Green Mountain Power Energy Programs**

- 7 • Tiana Smith and Zach Casey from GMP reviewed GMP's existing programs to transition
8 from carbon intensive energy to electric energy, including programs that will benefit
9 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. She noted two programs that the State and towns
13 would benefit from. FHWA will provide funding for EV chargers through the NEVI
14 Formula Program. The State will provide funding through the ACCD and the General
15 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; Bob Atchinson seconded. By unanimous consent, the motion*
24 *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 would find more information.
 - 31 ○ Steve Lotspeich asked if there were specific projects that might be included
32 under Task 7. Staff reviewed the language in the work plan and the legislative
33 language, but ultimately the specifics of how this task will better integrate bike
34 and pedestrian planning into transportation planning is still evolving.
 - 35 ○ Dona Bate asked how the work of the inter-municipal recreation economy
36 collaborative (hosted by CVRPC) could fit with the bike and pedestrian

1 integration work. Staff thought there was an opportunity but noted there are
2 limits on how transportation funding could be used for recreation planning.

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

5 **TAC Member Round Table**

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

16 **Adjourn**

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

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20 The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.
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