



## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Attendees:						
X	Barre City	Michael Hellein		X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan (Chair)				Dara Torre, Alt
		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt		X	Northfield	Thomas Davis
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke				Patrick Demasi, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson		X	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
	Calais	David Ellenbogen		X	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Vice Chair)
X		Karin McNeill, Alt		X	Roxbury	Jerry D'Amico
X	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush			Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.			Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
X	E. Montpelier	Gina Jenkins			Washington	Peter Carbee
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk			Williamstown	Richard Turner
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth			Woodbury	Chris Koteas
X	Montpelier	Dona Bate			Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff:		Keith Cubbon, Christian Meyer, Zach Melcher				
Guests:		Alice Peal				

Committee Chair, Stephanie Magnan, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

#### Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

#### Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

#### Public Comments

- None

#### Staffing announcements

- Christian M. announced that he will become the permanent Executive Director for CVRPC and that the organization will be hiring a new transportation planner.

## **Approval of January 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes**

- Dona B. moved to accept the January meeting minutes as presented, motion seconded by Bob A. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CVRPC Mapped Sidewalks Layer**

- Zach M. summarized the work he has been engaged in mapping sidewalks in villages centers around the region. CVRPC started with the designated village and town centers and will expand out to incorporate all sidewalks. CVRPC will be distributing a draft of the mapped assets to each TAC member for further input on any areas that may have been overlooked.

Alice P. requested the files for a March meeting in Waitsfield. Staff thought this was possible. Michael H. requested the files be presented in KLM as well as PDF for review. Stephanie M. added that staff could look into VTRANS as-built plans for additional details. Robert W. requested that some additional minimal details be added, such as width and wearing surface. It was also discussed if crosswalk locations should be included or captured in a separate file.

## **VPSP2 Update**

- Christian M. stated that due in part to the success of past solicitations and increased construction cost estimates, VTRANS is not adding any new projects to its capital plan at this time. With the projects – both bridge and highway – that were prioritized in the last two years, projects are beginning to be scheduled out more than 5 years into the future. For these reasons, there will not be a VPSP2 solicitation process for this year.

Stephanie M. asked if the Governor's recent announcement to increase State match for federal capital improvement funding could change this. Staff was not sure what impact this would have.

## **TPI Budget Update**

- Staff reviewed the details of the memo and opened the floor for questions or comments. Robert W. asked if this would mean feasibility studies would be undertaken. Staff recognized that the Barre City project would be the priority before any new projects were selected.

## **VTRANS - Show Me the Money**

- Keith C. shared a resource he had come across for transportation funding programs, the VTRANS "Show me the Money Guide." Dona B. asked if there were a more recent draft. Keith said he would share the 2023 edition (<https://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Show-Me-the-Money-Guide-Jan-2023.pdf>). Further discussion ensued.

1 **Round table**

- 2 • Ron K. is interested in seeing expanded use of electric school buses. Several schools in  
3 the state have them and he was wondering if the RPC could help get the word out to  
4 school boards. Ron followed that they have been using electric busses for 30 years in  
5 Chattanooga, why not talk to them about how they did it?
- 6 • Steve L. noted that GMT uses several electric buses and knows they are looking into  
7 getting electric cutaways once they are available. He also shared that Waterbury has  
8 applied for a Better Connections Grant to study the connection between the settled  
9 areas of Waterbury Center, including pedestrian facilities, traffic calming, and water and  
10 storm water improvements.
- 11 • Tom D. asked if anyone had any familiarity with Placer A.I. for measuring foot traffic. He  
12 also asked about working with Amtrak on new stations. Members felt he was probably  
13 taking the right steps working with the state and noting the considerable cost associated  
14 with modern train platforms.
- 15 • Michael H. announced that Barre City had a new Director of Public works, Brian Baker.

16 **Adjourn**

- 17 • Robert W. moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron K.
- 18 • The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:24