Central Vermont Mobility Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 8th, 2022 at 2:00 pm In Person and via Zoom

Attendees: Amanda Carlson, Alana Phinney, Nicholas Foss, Tim Bradshaw, Rebecca Lalanne, Sam Lash, Keith Cubbon, Christian Meyer.

Participants introduced themselves.

There were no adjustments to the Agenda

No Comments were received on the September Meeting Minutes

Nick F. gave the financial update from GMT for the Elderly and Disabled Persons program. We are roughly 50% through the year and roughly 48% of funds have been spent. This means we are right on target. However, there are still some variables to watch, reimbursement rates are lower than the average actual cost of providing trips. Nick is in contact with Tim B. and VTRANS and can true up the budget as needed.

Tim B. gave a rundown of topics being considered for the Mobility Summit, planned to be remote on July 9. Topics currently being considered include: driver training to support riders with dementia, Mobility Committees and expanding participating in mobility planning, attracting community volunteer drivers, the Recovery and Job Access program and the full breadth of eligibility, the new scheduling and dispatch platform (Q-Ryde), and exploring equity and inclusion issues.

Amanda C. gave an update on the Capstone Community Rides program. They are expecting to launch in April. They are in the process of hiring drivers. They will have four electric vehicles in their fleet. Dispatch will be run out of GMT and funding is being provided by VTRANS from a different funding source. Therefore, it will not take funds away from the existing E&D services provided.

Sam L. discussed the work CVRPC is involved in with the Health Equity Toolkit for municipalities. CVRPC will host a workshop for stakeholders and municipalities in late spring. This will be a good opportunity for many of the committee participants to promote their work and make sure municipalities are aware of the services they provide. Other deliverables from the work include mapping an inventory of community assets, sidewalk inventory, and promoting other initiatives such as a walk to shop campaign or promoting transit.