



Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Physical Location: 29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT 05602

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Agenda

- 6:30 1) Meeting Commencement
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Adjustments to the Agenda
 - c) Public Comment
 - d) Staff Announcement
- 6:40 2) Approval of September 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes (*Enclosed; Action*)
- 6:45 3) Memo 1 2024 Meeting calendar (*Enclosed; Action*)
- 6:50 4) Memo 2 Mobility Committee (*Enclosed; discussion*)
- 6:55 5) TAC Member Round Table
 - a) Local concerns including project updates and other issues
- 7:15 6) Adjourn

Next Meeting November 21, 2023

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Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Attendees:					
	Barre City			Moretown	Joyce Manchester
x	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan (Chair)	x	Northfield	Thomas Davis
x	Berlin	Robert Wernecke			Jeff Schulz, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson	x	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
x	Calais	David Ellenbogen	x	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Vice Chair)
		Karin McNeill, Alt	x	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
x	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush		Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.	x		Alice Peal, Alt
	E. Montpelier	Gina Jenkins		Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		Washington	Peter Carbee
	Marshfield	Todd Eaton	x	Waterbury	Mike Hedges
x	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth		Williamstown	Richard Turner
x	Montpelier	Dona Bate		Woodbury	Chris Koteas
			x	Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Keith Cubbon, Guests: Doug Greason, Amanda Holland					

Stephanie brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

Public Comments

- None

Staff Announcements

- Keith gave an update of still trying to hire a new transportation planner to get back up to full staffing for transportation work hoping to make a job offer within the next week. Also mentioned sending out information on EV and EVSE incentive programs.

Approval of July 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes

- Bob. A. made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes with Alan as 2nd. Motion passed

Memo FFY 23 Budget Adjustment (action)

- Keith explained the budget adjustment. Moving of monies from one task to another to cover overages and moving unspent monies to purchase trail counters for deploying throughout region to cut staff hours and transit time and replacing faulty equipment. David asked if any budget adjustment was need to address flooding. Keith replied that with staff shortages there had been plenty of budget to cover staff hours in response. Bob W. mad a motion to accept the budget adjustment with Lee C. as 2nd. Motion passed.

TAC Member Round Table

- Tom Davis spoke about getting good information from CVRPC about funding for Lover's Lane in Northfield. Still trying to find gap funding for paving but had discussed with Brian and Christian of CVRPC. Mike H. asked if they had looked into district manager funding. That districts have ~ \$160,000 they can grant each year and they may want to contact the district transportation administrator. Stephanie mentioned the PROTECT grant and the Municipal Assistance Bureau may be able to help. Mike also brought up the emergency bridge and road funds, that checking with the district since they administer this.
- Gerry asked if anyone had seen the Times-Argus opinion piece on the MRGP program and how it was very negative of the State and the DEC.*article is attached to the email with minutes.
- Alice-Asked about the sidewalk inventory CVRPC had created and what we plan to use it for and that the town of Waitsfield had been using it for grant applications. Keith-We had shared the data with the State and plan to do gap analysis that will be shared with towns to help prioritize necessary pieces of sidewalk for greater connectivity and food access.
- Alice also shared the Mad River Path idea of a shared use path along the Route 100 corridor connecting Warren, Waitsfield, and Moretown. The director of MRP wants to work within the VTrans Right of Way and is planning a feasibility/scoping study this winter. They have been talking with selectboards and planning commissions trying to

1 get support. Not sure how this will be funded at the town end and the overall cost is
2 currently estimated at around 18 million just for construction. Alan mentioned the
3 conservation and recreation group may be interested in the impacts of this and would
4 like more information. Alice stated she would send along the vision statement from the
5 MRP.
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7 **Adjourn**

- 8 • At 7:22 PM Lee made a motion to adjourn Alice 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
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MEMO

Date: October 19, 2023
To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Keith Cubbon, Planner
Re: 2024 Meeting Calendar

✉ **ACTION REQUESTED:** Move to adopt the proposed meeting calendar as proposed

Background:

The CVRPC TAC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Traditionally the TAC does not meet in the months of August and December.

Proposal:

Staff proposes meeting on the following dates at 6:30 PM.

January 23, 2024	June 25, 2024
February 27, 2024	July 23, 2024
March 26, 2024	September 24, 2024
April 23, 2024	October 22, 2024
May 28, 2024	November 26, 2024

Staff has reviewed the 2024 calendar and identified no conflicts with national or state holidays.



MEMO

Date: October 19, 2022
To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Keith Cubbon, Planner
Re: Update from Mobility Committee

✉ **ACTION REQUESTED:** Staff provides the TAC with a regular update from the Central Vermont mobility committee

Background:

Central Vermont Mobility Committee (formerly Elders and Persons with Disabilities Committee) provides oversight and guidance for Green Mountain Transit's programs to assist elders and persons with disabilities, and provides a forum to discuss complementary mobility programs. The committee serves Washington County and the Towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown in Orange County. The work of the committee focuses on those programs that get users out of their homes to medical appointments, to local senior centers, to senior meal sites, for essential shopping, and job access and recovery. These services supplement regular transit services in the area, filling in gaps left by programs like Medicaid.

The mission and purpose of the committee to expand mobility options for all those with needs.

Recent discussions included:

- Increases in GMT transit rate due to fuel costs, inflation, and salaries
- Driver shortages affecting routes (MyRide and the Barre City-Montpelier commuter being cut to every hour and the Northfield and Route 2 commuters having to cut the mid-day trip. Will return when staffing allows.
- Update on Community Rides Vermont- has now provided 500+ rides. Will officially launch in January They have 3 drivers which sometimes means there is only one vehicle operating at a time.
- Driver scarcity as a limiting factor on rides that can be provided