



## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Attendees:					
	Barre City		x	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
x	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan (Chair)		Northfield	Thomas Davis
	Berlin	Robert Wernecke			Jeff Schulz, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson		Orange	Lee Cattaneo
	Calais	David Ellenbogen	x	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Vice Chair)
x		Karin McNeill, Alt		Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
x	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	x	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	x	Williamstown	Richard Turner
x	Montpelier	Dona Bate		Woodbury	Chris Koteas
			x	Worcester	Bill Arrand
<b>Staff: Keith Cubbon,</b> <b>Guests: Doug Greason, Chris Diamioni</b>					

Stephanie brought the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

#### Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was not present

#### Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

#### Public Comments

- None

1 **Staff Announcements**

- 2 • Keith mentioned the Transportation Alternatives and Stormwater Mitigation grants are  
3 currently open with due date of Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Currently working with multiple towns for salt  
4 sheds. Still trying to fill transportation planner position.

5 **Memo 1 2024 Meeting calendar**

- 6 • Keith reviewed that this is the list of 10 meeting dates for 2024. No action taken.  
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8 **Memo 2 Mobility Committee**

- 9 • Keith reviewed the memo and discussed community rides has set the date of official  
10 launch in January and was some discussion about their footprint and who is the current  
11 ridership.

12 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 13 • Donna spoke to Montpelier will be glad when Route 2 paving work is complete.  
14 Conversation with problems across the whole region w/ construction work especially  
15 due to the wet season and flooding.
- 16 • Alan asked if someone from CVRPC could meet with Duxbury selectboard about their  
17 attempt at getting a salt shed. Mike also mentioned the VTrans Municipal Assistance  
18 Bureau may be able to help. They have had it engineered but can't seem to get it built.
- 19 • Mike talked about working with Waterbury on Lincoln St. and Perry Hill intersection for  
20 pedestrian and traffic calming issues. Also getting Henry Hough Rd listed as no outlet  
21 since some maps still show the Middlesex Notch as being open.
- 22 • Joyce spoke about the committee's future and would like to do more regional planning  
23 for transportation. Keith spoke about the VPSP2 program and still having no guidance if  
24 it will be restarted and also if there are topics that the group would like to know more  
25 about that he could get speakers. Also spoke about organizing field day in spring for  
26 road crews to test electric equipment for town purchases.
- 27 • Keith brought up flooding ask by legislators.
- 28 ○ Donna spoke to dam removal for increased resiliency.
- 29 ○ Bob- Need to lower fossil fuels to help mitigate flooding. We are reacting to  
30 climate change not being proactive. Mike agreed and mentioned that the top 3  
31 selling vehicles are all pickup trucks.
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- 33 • Joyce mentioned EV incentives for low- and moderate-income vehicles and would like to  
34 hear more about charging stations and maintenance costs of vehicles. Would like to do  
35 more on that. Mike talked about State and GMP incentives are income based.
- 36 • Alice mentioned GMT is getting electric buses. Chris Diamioni spoke about GMT  
37 purchasing 20 electric buses with 6 to be delivered in the next week. These will be used

1 in Burlington area since they are urban buses. Alice spoke about the key to this  
2 equipment being the batteries. Looking at the kinds of things that each town can do  
3 such as park-n-rides and carpooling. Don mentioned recycling of cars and cell phones  
4 cuts the cost of lithium by 50% less than mined.

- 5 • Ron Hasn't seen the power companies addressing all the need for grid increase. Will also  
6 have to deal with charging problems both in cold and how to recharge emergency  
7 vehicles. Multiple members spoke of not having experienced much difference in winter  
8 use for their personal EVs. GMP has been using an off-peak discount charging rates.
- 9 • Mike mentioned that eventually we will be requested by the State to review the last list  
10 that of AOT prioritization projects for the region. That we could review what was  
11 already submitted. Stephanie also mentioned any topics that people are interested in.
- 12 • Keith notified the group that Christian would be running the November meeting and  
13 that the regional plan transportation chapter first draft will be finished soon and  
14 brought to the group for their review. Joyce asked when the last regional plan was  
15 completed? 2016 regional plans are for 8 years.
- 16 • Two members spoke to not being able to attend November meeting and group asked  
17 about sending out a survey for the November meeting.

## 19 **Adjourn**

- 20 • At 7:35 PM Don made a motion to adjourn Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.