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Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 2023

Attendees:					
	Barre City		x	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
x	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan (Chair)		Northfield	Thomas Davis
x	Berlin	Robert Wernecke			Jeff Schulz, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson		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	x	Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.	x		Alice Peal, Alt
x	E. Montpelier	Adam Stanforth		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
				Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Keith Cubbon, Reuben MacMartin					
Guests:					

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

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

Public Comments

- None

1 **Staff Announcements**

- 2 • Keith spoke about HMGP timeline and town interest.

3 **Approval of January 2024 TAC Meeting Minutes**

- 4 • Robert W. made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes with Bob A. as 2nd.
5 Group voted and motion passed

6 **Review of Updated Transport Chapter Goals**

- 7 • David E. wanted stronger verbiage than “encourage” and “promote”. Proposed use of
8 “expect” equitable outcomes. Proposed change of “elderly” to “older persons”.
9 Prioritize complete streets. Change references from bikers to “cyclists”
- 10 • Bob A. wanted stronger language in goals by dropping qualifying verbs
- 11 • Joyce M. felt that item 4.c should be rephrased to focus on resilience, or moved under
12 goal 1 (or possibly 3)
- 13 • Alan Q and Bob A wanted an electric vehicle specific focus under goal 3 “environment
14 and climate”
- 15 ○ Ron K pointed out that electrifying emergency vehicle fleets would require
16 creation of Level 3 municipal chargers
 - 17 ○ David E expanded this by referencing the need for upgrades to transmission
18 infrastructure
 - 19 ■ It was noted that Grid upgrades are dealt with in depth in the Energy and
20 Infrastructure Chapters
 - 21 ○ Joyce M mentioned the role of VELCO in statewide grid planning efforts and
22 raised concern about congestion mitigation as an environmental strategy
23 (because it often entails increased capacity/throughput/volumes)
 - 24 ○ Alice P wanted language in 3.b changed for easier comprehension
 - 25 ○ Dan L called attention to the need for industry standardization of chargers as
26 compatibility issues a challenge to EV infrastructure adoption and vehicle
27 adoption

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29 **Discussion of Planning and Project Priorities in Absence of New VPSP2 Projects from State**

- 30 • Mike H asked about possibly studying Exit 10 interchange, specifically Northbound. Off
31 ramp queueing back onto travel lane from signalized intersection with Rt 100
- 32 ○ Reuben indicated that the viability of any I-89 related work would require
33 coordination with AoT and FHWA
- 34 • Alan Q expressed frustration at the chapter lacking climate change goals
- 35 • Alice P would like to see efforts directed toward bike/ped improvements

- 1 • David E thought a State Street Complete Street, and enhancement of the Capitol
2 Complex project in Montpelier would be a good demonstration for legislators to have
3 daily exposure to

4 **VTrans Data Tools Demonstration**

- 5 • Mike H walked the TAC through a variety of VTrans online resources
6 ○ Vtrans Factbook
7 ○ Local Roads – Orange Book
8 ○ Budget & STIP
9 ○ VTransparency

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11 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 12 • Don L requested that he be sent hard copy of the meeting notices and packets.

13 **Adjourn**

- 14 • At 8:11 PM Don L made a motion to adjourn Alice P 2nd the motion.

15 Motion passed.

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