



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Attendees:					
	Barre City			Northfield	Thomas Davis
X	Barre Town	Phil Cecchini			Jeff Schulz, Alt
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke		Orange	Lee Cattaneo
	Cabot	John Cookson	X	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Chair)
X	Calais	David Ellenbogen (Vice Chair)	X	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
		Karin McNeill, Alt	X	Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	X		Alice Peal, Alt
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.	X	Warren	Jim Crafts
X	E. Montpelier	Adam Stanforth		Washington	Peter Carbee
		Jen Devine, Alt			
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		Waterbury	Mike Hedges
	Marshfield	Todd Eaton			Doug Greason, Alt
	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth	X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
	Montpelier	Dona Bate	X	Woodbury	Michael Gray
X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester			
				Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Reuben MacMartin, Keith Cubbon					
Guests: Monica White (GMT), Marcella Dent (VTrans), Andrea Wright (VTrans), Hilary DelRoss (VTrans), Otis Ellms-Munroe (VTrans)					

David E. brought the meeting to order at 6:49 PM.

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was not present.

Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

Public Comments

- Monica W. provided updates on GMT adjustments to the MyRide service and the restoration of fixed-route service between Montpelier and Hospital Hill in Berlin. Monica

1 also informed Committee that Tri-Valley Transit would be taking over GMT Central VT
2 service in 2026.

3 **Staff Announcements**

- 4 • Keith C. introduced planning techs and informed that road erosion inventories have
5 been completed.
- 6 • Reuben M. reported that FY 26 TPI workplan was well underway and that there would
7 be funding and staff time available to conduct studies for towns. Requested that TAC
8 members advise their towns and gather requests to be voted on at a future TAC.

10 **Approval of March 2025 TAC Meeting Minutes**

- 11 • No quorum present

12 **Presentation: VTrans Environmental Policy & Sustainability**

- 13 • Andrea W. provided an overview of Vermont's climate action initiatives, focusing on
14 emissions reductions, resilience, and carbon sequestration. She highlighted the closure
15 of several EV incentive programs due to depleted funding and discussed Vermont's
16 adoption of California's zero-emission vehicle regulations, which are currently paused
17 due to concerns about vehicle availability. Andrea also explained that a climate policy
18 study found that joining a cap-and-invest program would not meet Vermont's 2030
19 emissions targets, though it remains a priority recommendation in the updated Climate
20 Action Plan.
- 21 • Hilary D. presented an overview of Vermont's state investments in charging
22 infrastructure, focusing on fast charging stations. She highlighted that while Vermont
23 leads in charging ports per capita, it lags in fast charging availability. Hilary discussed the
24 progress made under the NEVI program, which required stations every 50 miles along
25 highways, with 11 awards given for 15 priority locations. However, the FHWA rescinded
26 Vermont's approved state plans in 2025, pausing contracts and obligating only 2 million
27 dollars in state funds for two projects in Randolph and Wilmington.
- 28 • Otis E-M. discussed the Protect program, which provides \$37 million in formula funds
29 for resilience projects, with \$28 million already apportioned to 12 construction projects.
30 He highlighted the Transportation Resilience Planning Tool (TRPT) and the Resilience
31 Improvement Plan, which identifies priority locations for infrastructure improvements.
32 Otis also mentioned upcoming updates to these tools to include recent damage data
33 and new projects. The agency is working on several research projects, including
34 quantifying the resilience benefits of MGRP best management practices and exploring
35 nature-based solutions for transportation infrastructure.

- Alice P. inquired about resources available for municipalities to develop their own resilience improvement plans, to which Otis and Andrea responded that planning grants are available and VTrans staff can provide assistance.
- David E. and Andrea W. discussed the increase in EV registrations in Vermont between September and December 2023, attributing it to new lease incentives and higher EV incentives. They also explored the concept of a cap-and-invest program, with Andrea explaining the need for it to be regional due to economic constraints and potential leakage issues.
 - David E. mentioned an upcoming webinar on the topic, and Andrea recommended reviewing the executive summary of a climate policy study for more information.

Discussion: Additions to FY 26 Workplan

- Central reminded attendees to submit any town-specific priorities for the fiscal year 26 work plan, as the draft would be reviewed by VTrans soon.

TAC Member Round Table

- **Williamstown Culvert Replacement:** Rich T reported that Williamstown is proceeding with a \$400,000 funding package to construct a replacement box-culvert/aquatic organism passage with site prep to start this autumn and construction expected to be completed in 2026.
- **Upcoming TAC Field Trip:** Davide E. confirmed plans for an upcoming field trip to Waterbury, which will include a hybrid meeting at the town office starting at 6 PM, followed by a visit to the Stowe Street Bridge reconstruction site, with carpooling arrangements to be coordinated.

Adjourn

- A 7:53 PM Don L moved to adjourn Alice P 2nd the motion.
 - Group voted; Motion passed.

Action Items

- All TAC Members: Submit town priority projects to Central VT staff for inclusion in the FY26 work plan by end of June
- VTrans Team: Send final Climate Action Plan materials once finalized over the summer
- Central VT Staff: Coordinate logistics and share details for July field trip to Stowe Street Bridge, including parking arrangements and carpooling plans
- Central VT Staff: Share PDF of VTrans presentation slides with meeting attendees

Respectfully submitted by:

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