



Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2025

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Attendees:					
	Barre City			Northfield	Thomas Davis
X	Barre Town	Phil Cecchini			Jeff Schulz, Alt
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke	X	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
	Cabot	John Cookson	X	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Chair)
X	Calais	David Ellenbogen	X	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
		Karin McNeill, Alt		Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
X	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	X		Alice Peal, Alt
			X	Warren	Jim Crafts
X	E. Montpelier	Adam Stanforth		Washington	Peter Carbee
		Jen Devine, Alt			
	Fayston		X	Waterbury	Mike Hedges (Vice Chair)
	Marshfield	Todd Eaton			Doug Greason, Alt
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth	X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
X	Montpelier	Dona Bate	X	Woodbury	Michael Gray
X	Moretown	John Lynch			
				Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Reuben MacMartin, Keith Cubbon, Christian Meyer, Kari Pelletiere Guests: Monica White (GMT), Stephen Whitaker (Public), Marcella Dent (VTrans), Mike Miller (Montpelier Planning), Evan Detrick (VHB), David Stapleton (Moretown Planning), John Brabant (CVRPC Board)					

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Bob A. brought the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

**Roll Call**

- Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

- None

**Public Comments**

- Stephen Whitaker objected to the TAC not undertaking a technical review of the proposed development County Club Road.

- 1 • Stephen Whitaker complained that the CVRPC Project Review Committee had not  
2 reviewed the VTrans garage relocation in the Town of Berlin.

3 **Staff Announcements**

- 4 • CVRPC’s new planner, Kari Pelletiere, was introduced to the TAC.
- 5 • Summer planning tech job postings are ready and will be going up shortly.
- 6 • Deadline for Highway Safety Improvement Program grants is Monday, February 1st.

7 **Approval of November 2025 Minutes**

- 8 • Robert W moved that November Minutes be approved without modification, Rich T 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9 the motion.
  - 10 ○ Group voted; Motion passed.

11 **Action: Endorse Recommendations of Project Selection Subcommittee for TPI FFY 26 Funding**

- 12 • Reuben walked the TAC through the process used by the selection subcommittee to  
13 arrive at their set of recommended studies to fund from CVRPC’s FFY 26 TPI budget.
- 14 • David Stapleton registered disappointment that Moretown’s proposal had not been  
15 recommended for funding by the Subcommittee.
- 16 • Gerry D requested that Staff summarize the proposals to remind TAC of candidate  
17 studies under consideration, which Staff obliged. Proposals were as follows:
  - 18 ○ Berlin: complete streets/traffic calming study for Crosstown Road from Paine  
19 Tpke N to Paine Tpke S and Berlin Corners area
  - 20 ○ Marshfield: complete streets scoping for Marshfield Village to create safe paths  
21 between the Marshfield Village Store, Jaquith Public Library, and Private School
  - 22 ○ Moretown: update to 2012 traffic study for intersection of VT-100 and US-2  
23 looking at roundabout design, bike-ped infrastructure, and wastewater  
24 extension with scenario modeling for various intensities of future development
  - 25 ○ Plainfield: scoping study for converting abandoned rail line into a new access  
26 point for the village following the impacts of 2024’s catastrophic floods
  - 27 ○ Williamstown: scoping of sidewalk from Williamstown schools to village core
- 28 • TAC engaged in an extended discussion of the relative merits of the Moretown study  
29 proposal.
- 30 • Gerry D moved that TAC endorse the recommendations of the Selection Subcommittee
- 31 • Robert W seconded, noting that, while disappointed that Berlin was not recommended,  
32 he appreciated and agreed with the process.
- 33 • The question was called and roll was taken.

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Barre Town	Phil Cecchini	Yes	Orange	Lee Cattaneo	Yes
Berlin	Robert Wernecke	Yes	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson	Yes
Calais	David Ellenbogen	Yes	Roxbury	Jerry D’Amico	Yes
Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	Yes	Waitsfield	Alice Peal	Yes
Middlesex	Ron Krauth	Yes	Warren	Jim Crafts	Yes
Montpelier	Dona Bate	Yes	Waterbury	Mike Hedges	Yes
Moretown	John Lynch	Yes	Williamstown	Rich Turner	Abstained
			Woodbury	Michael Gray	Yes

1 With 14 yeas and 1 abstention the motion to fund studies in Marshfield, Plainfield, and  
2 Williamstown passed.

3 **Presentations and Discussion: VTrans Development Review Process; Montpelier Country Club**  
4 **Road Current Status, Ongoing Process, and Preliminary Proposed Improvements to US-2**  
5 **Intersection**

- 6 • Marcella Dent conditions under which VTrans has standing to review development  
7 proposals and triggers for requiring Transportation Impact Studies in the VTrans  
8 process. These trigger conditions being:
  - 9 ○ Act 250 Review
  - 10 ○ Issuance or modification of an 1111 permit for work in State right-of-way
  - 11 ○ New development producing more than 75 new peak-hour vehicle trips
- 12 • Mike Miller and Evan Detrick spoke to the history and current disposition of the Country  
13 Club Road parcel and preliminary plans for mitigation of future traffic impacts if and  
14 when development of the site ensues and intensifies.
  - 15 ○ Montpelier intends to seek a letter of conformity for grant funding to make  
16 intersection improvements at Country Club Rd/US-2, regrade Country Club Road,  
17 and run water and sewer to the site
  - 18 ○ The city aspires to a full build-out condition with up to 300 new dwelling units  
19 and is already planning/budgeting for the eventual need to signalize the Country  
20 Club Rd /US-2 intersection and acknowledges that additional access may be  
21 necessary
- 22 • A robust discussion was enjoyed by all.

23 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 24 • Mike H offered to present on the Governor’s recommended budget for transportation  
25 while acknowledging the late hour.
  - 26 ○ Several TAC members felt that this would be a good item for February’s TAC.

27 **Adjourn**

- 28 • At 8:18 PM Robert W moved to adjourn Lee C 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

1                   ○ Group voted; Motion passed.

2   **Action Items**

- 3       • Governor's Budget to be added to February Agenda

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5                   Respectfully submitted by:

6                   Reuben MacMartin, Senior Transportation Planner