



Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 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
	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	X		Alice Peal, Alt
				Warren	Jim Crafts
	E. Montpelier	Adam Stanforth	X		Jennifer Faillace
		Jen Devine, Alt		Washington	Peter Carbee
	Fayston		X	Waterbury	Mike Hedges (Vice Chair)
	Marshfield	Todd Eaton			Doug Greason, Alt
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth	X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
	Montpelier	Dona Bate	X	Woodbury	Michael Gray
	Moretown	John Lynch			
			X	Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Reuben MacMartin, Keith Cubbon					
Guests: Monica White (GMT), Stephen Whitaker (Public), Marcella Dent (VTrans)					

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Bob A. brought the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

**Roll Call**

- Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

- None

**Public Comments**

- Stephen Whitaker raised concerns about the TAC's role in Act 250 review processes and opined that the TAC should be requesting jurisdictional opinions when it becomes aware of projects.

1 **Staff Announcements**

- 2 • CVRPC has extended two offers for summer planning tech positions, one of which has  
3 been accepted.

4 **Approval of January 2026 Minutes**

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

8 **Discussion: Governor’s Budget and State Construction Projects for 2026**

- 9 • Keith walked the TAC through the changes in funding by program area for the FY 27  
10 Governor’s Budget and VTrans projects list.  
11 ○ Points of note were increased funding for paving of state roads and decreases in  
12 funds for town highway bridges, policy and planning work, and transportation  
13 alternatives.  
14 ○ Phil C expressed disappointment in the state’s lack of funding for community-  
15 based mobility initiatives such as Gopher that provide point to point trips for  
16 people who are unable to drive and/or lack access to a personal vehicle or  
17 transit.  
18 ○ Monica W explained that the Mobility for All program had been cut which  
19 limited GMT and partners ability to deliver point to point rides.  
20 ○ Alice P brought attention to Freewheeling: the Mad River Valley’s community  
21 mobility program which is run entirely with local volunteers and donations.  
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23 **Discussion: TAC Rules and Procedures**

- 24 • Keith C led a discussion of the TAC Rules and Procedures as an orientation/refresher on  
25 the role and responsibilities of the TAC, as well as the need for annual documentation  
26 from towns of appointment of members.  
27 • A subsequent discussion raised the question of the TAC in Act 250 review and the nature  
28 of the ACT 250 process.  
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30 **Discussion: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Request for Information (RFI)**

- 31 • Staff solicited input in responding to the RFI that FHWA had issued the week prior to the  
32 meeting related to the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success  
33 (ROUTES) program.  
34 • The RFI consists of questions relating to unmet rural transportation needs and  
35 challenges for rural communities to access transportation funding.

- 1       • Stephen Whitaker raised the issue of cellular network coverage and dead spots as points  
2       of concern on rural roads.

3       **TAC Member Round Table**

- 4       • Michael G and Rich T both reported on the status of culvert project in Woodbury and  
5       Williamstown respectively.  
6             ○ Alice P offered that there may be water quality money available to help fund  
7       culvert projects whose costs have ballooned in recent years.

8       **Adjourn**

- 9       • At 7:17 PM Alice P moved to adjourn Lee C 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
10           ○ Group voted; Motion passed.

11       **Action Items**

- 12       • Staff to share current draft Transportation Element for Regional Plan Update  
13       • Staff to send out TAC Rules and Procedures to members for further review  
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15       Respectfully submitted by:  
16       Reuben MacMartin, Senior Transportation Planner