



Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2025

Attendees:					
	Barre City			Northfield	Thomas Davis
	Barre Town				Jeff Schulz, Alt
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke	X	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
	Cabot	John Cookson	X	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Chair)
	Calais	David Ellenbogen	X	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
X		Jordan Keyes, Alt		Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
X	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	X		Alice Peal, Alt
				Warren	Jim Crafts
X	E. Montpelier	Adam Stanforth			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			Woodbury	Michael Gray
X	Moretown	John Lynch			
				Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Reuben MacMartin, Elizabeth Opaleden, Addison Hardt Guests: Monica White (GMT), Marcella Dent (VTrans)					

Bob A. brought the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present. Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

Public Comments

- None

Staff Announcements

- Staff informed TAC that VTrans was requesting towns submit roads for which they would like to see RITIS data coverage.

1 **Approval of March 2026 Minutes**

- 2 • Gerry d moved that March Minutes be approved without modification, Rich T 2nd the
3 motion.
4 ○ Group voted; Motion passed.

5 **Discussion: Planning Tech Presentation of Road Erosion and Culvert Inventory Findings**

- 6 • Summer techs presented on the nature of the work they've been conducting and their
7 experiences and findings thus far. They explained the state standards for culverts and
8 criterion and formulas used in the rating systems for the inventories they've been
9 conducting.
10 ○ Tac members asked about the degree of coordination and if results of
11 inventories were transmitted to towns, both of which were answered in the
12 affirmative.

13 **Action: Approval of FFY 27 TPI Work Plan and Budget**

- 14 • Staff explained that the work plan under consideration was a slightly modified version of
15 the previously presented draft with a focus on creating a new comprehensive regional
16 transportation as the discretionary work proposed for the following year.
17 ○ Robert W asked about the timeline for a new regional transportation plan. Staff
18 explained that the plan was to undertake a two year process with data, existing
19 conditions, and preliminary public input being undertaken in the first year.
20 ○ Mike H requested that Wild Chervil be added to a table of invasives under the
21 Local Roads Coordination task. Staff noted that the list in question was standard
22 VTrans language meant to be illustrative rather than comprehensive, but that
23 there would be no problem with adding Wild Chervil as a specific regional
24 concern.
25 ○ Robert W moved that the Federal Fiscal Year 2027 TPI Work Plan and Budget be
26 approved, Mike H 2nd the motion on condition of addition of Wild Chervil.
27 ■ Group voted; Motion passed.
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29 **Discussion: TAC Role and Responsibilities**

- 30 • Staff recapped material on the purpose and powers of TACs presented by Marcella D
31 and Matthew A of VTrans at previous meetings. This was supplemented by a memo
32 containing excerpts from statute and a legislative report on transportation and Act 181,
33 with the ultimate question before the TAC being "what does the TAC want to be doing
34 within its remit and measures would the TAC want to use to create a consistent process
35 for identifying and evaluating transportation projects or problems". Robert W put it
36 succinctly, noting that the TAC and RPC are ultimately planning advisory bodies and lack

1 regulatory powers aside from those limited powers related to Acts 250 and 248,
2 however much some people may wish otherwise.

- 3 ○ Alan Q requested that TAC Rules of Procedure and relevant Commission Bylaws
4 be provided to TAC members. Staff agreed to send these out and reviewed the
5 five TAC responsibilities per the TAC Rules of Procedure noting that in the
6 absence of a VPSP2 project priority process the question before the TAC was
7 “what can TAC do within its remit, absent VPSP2, to continue to advance
8 regional transportation goals”.
- 9 ○ Jordan K raised the concern that planning work was being done without
10 implementation money lined up and to what end? Marcella explained that
11 keeping priorities up to date and documenting project concepts via planning was
12 important for allocating what funds are available and coordinating with VTrans
13 when they do work on their roads, as well as getting future funds that may
14 become available and for applying for competitive funding sources (i.e. grants).
- 15 ○ Mike H raised the possibility of using VTrans prioritization processes for updating
16 project priority lists even in the absence of VPSP2 accepting new projects. Alice P
17 agreed that updating rankings and referral of observed problems to VTrans using
18 a consistent set of metrics would be a good use of TAC effort.

20 **TAC Member Round Table**

- 21 • Ron K asked about the status of the proposed demonstration project at Camp Meade.
 - 22 ○ Staff informed that Middlesex had suspended their pursuit of such project for
23 the foreseeable future.
- 24 • Bob A invited TAC members to attend a Plainfield meeting on September 9th about the
25 options available for the Town to address Brook Road which was destroyed in the 2024
26 July flood.
- 27 • Rich T thanked Mike H for helping coordinate the field trip to the Waterbury
28 Demonstration Project and the summer planning techs for their work on the Road
29 Erosion and Culvert inventories.
- 30 • Mike H encouraged people to check out the Waterbury Center demonstration project
31 while it’s still up and requested that TAC revisit the question of improving participation
32 and attendance.
- 33 • Jordan K asked about the status of a traffic calming demonstration proposal for East
34 Calais.
 - 35 ○ Staff explained that Calais was next in the queue after Middlesex and that efforts
36 were already underway to schedule a meeting with VTrans, the Town, and the
37 RPC.

- 1 • Monica W reported that the transition from GMT to TVT for transit in the region had
- 2 been completed and smoothly at that.
- 3 • Alan Q noted that the question of participation has been a vexing one for years.
- 4 ○ Bob A agreed and placed it on September's agenda.

5 **Adjourn**

- 6 • At 7:59 PM Lee C moved to adjourn Alice P 2nd the motion.
- 7 ○ Group voted; Motion passed.

8 **Action Items**

- 9 • Staff to investigate state project evaluation and ranking processes and their potential for
- 10 adoption or adaptation to TAC use
- 11 • Staff to confirm that hard copies of Culvert Inventory and REI are delivered to Orange
- 12 town garage

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14 Respectfully submitted by:

15 Reuben MacMartin, Senior Transportation Planner