Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

# Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

## Notes (DRAFT)

**Tuesday, November 24, 2026**

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| | **Attendees:** | | | | |
| | Barre City | | | Northfield | Thomas Davis |
| | Barre Town | | | | Jeff Schulz, Alt |
| | Berlin | Robert Wernecke | | Orange | Lee Cattaneo |
| | Cabot | Sid Griggs | X | Plainfield | Bob Atchinson (Chair) |
| | Calais | David Ellenbogen | X | Roxbury | Gerry D'Amico |
| X | | Jordan Keyes, Alt | | Waitsfield | Don LaHaye |
| X | Duxbury | Alan Quackenbush | | | , Alt |
| | | | | Warren | Jim Crafts |
| | 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 |
| | Middlesex | Ronald Krauth | | Williamstown | Richard Turner |
| | Montpelier | | | Woodbury | Michael Gray |
| X | Moretown | John Lynch | | | |
| | | | | Worcester | Bill Arrand |
| | Staff: Keith Cubbon<br>Guests: Johnathan Croft, Marcella Dent (VTrans) | | | | |

Bob A brought the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

**Roll Call**

- Six municipal representatives were present. A quorum was not present.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

- None.

**Public Comments**

- Stephen Whitaker requested studies of the combined traffic impacts of the U-32 career center and Country Club Road development. He also raised concerns about regional plan compliance and reported an Environmental Court challenge. Discussion addressed responsibility for traffic studies and coordination across municipal boundaries.

**Staff Announcements**

- Staff reported outreach to towns seeking new or replacement TAC representatives to address attendance and quorum difficulties. The December meeting will be skipped.

**Approval of TAC Meeting Minutes**

- Approval was deferred due to the lack of a quorum.

**Discussion: Mileage-Based User Fee for Battery Electric Vehicles**

- Members discussed an EV mileage-based fee, including fairness across vehicle types, road wear, revenue potential, and household costs. Further information on the fee's statutory status and implementation was requested. No recommendation was adopted.

**Discussion: Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Annotated Outline**

- Staff presented the proposed scope of the 2050 regional transportation plan. Discussion emphasized multimodal access, land-use coordination, permitting barriers, seasonal conditions, and changing travel patterns. Members were invited to provide written feedback. No action was taken to adopt the outline.

**TAC Member Round Table**

- Bob A reported surveying for a road realignment that would bypass two bridges in Plainfield's "Grand Canyon" area. One condemned bridge has been closed with concrete barriers.
- The chair deferred a further comment from Stephen Whitaker on regional plan sidewalk criteria as outside the town-update portion of the agenda.

**Adjourn**

- At approximately 7:39 PM, Alan Q moved to adjourn; Jordan K seconded. The chair called for a voice vote, and the meeting concluded without recorded opposition.

**Action Items**

- Staff to circulate the transportation plan outline and request written feedback; TAC members to submit comments.
- Staff to confirm the EV mileage-based fee's statutory status with Keith.
- Marcella to seek further information and a potential VTrans presenter on the EV fee.

Respectfully submitted by:
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