**PTAC**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 16th, 2021**

* Michele intro; In person option for future meetings
* Ridership is approaching 70%+ ridership pre covid
* Demand response roughly 30-50% of pre-COVID
* Public Transit (PT) providers have seen a reduction in overall cost compared to last April.
* Safety concerns during Covid (transportation) has been an issue, but no deaths or contact tracing have made a connection to the PT system.
* Most services will remain fare-free through FY22
* Adult Day Centers are starting to open.
* VT Forward Plan has reached the 80% mark.
* Transportation continues with mask mandate.
* Providers keeping supply of masks for riders.
* VTrans is establishing approach for the Far UV air purification study
* VTrans needs CDL drivers. Working on creative solutions to shortage (DOL). We’d love to hear your ideas.
* We are launching the “Return to Ride” campaign (second wk. in July-Sept). Please help get the message out.
* Legislative session was robust. Fare free, electrification, MTI projects cont., multi modal connectivity are captured in the t-bill and charging us to do additional research and provide studies.
* How to make transit work fare free… more Public Private partnerships (PPP), donations, etc.?
* Covid relief funds; reviewed budget implications and program activity.
* Reviewed FY22 funds and status
* Covid research grants have been distributed. Dartmouth already testing.
* Micro transit pilot is going well, but we are well off the original goal of a 30% increase ridership (compared to pre-pandemic ridership)
* Electrification Plan. There is a paucity of cutaway options and there needs to be FTA required “Altoona” tests to receive vehicles on order
* Invited to cross boarder conf w/ Canada. Dan/Ross participated and spoke to a variety of e-bus producers and the options surrounding the electrification process.
* Rep. Mollie Burke, provide support for the scope and level of work performed on so many fronts.
* Tim discussed the bed bug issue and how we are providing webinars and training to the providers to mitigate the risks and effects to operations.
* 2:48pm – Meeting was adjourned