

Public Transit Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present(alphabetical): Matthew Arancio, Stephanie Beck, Rep. Mollie Burke, Clayton Clark, Dan Currier, Chip Desautels, Tammy Fay, Caleb Grant, Senator Wendy Harrison, Elaine Haytko, Lucas Herring, Peter Johnke, Ross MacDonald, Devon Neary, Jason Pelopida, Stephanie Reilly, Randy Schoonmaker, John Sharrow

Minutes:

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements:

Senator Wendy Harrison & Rep. Mollie Burke welcomed and introduction to all attendees.
Announced Timothy Bradshaw will be leaving,
We wish him luck in his new role as Director of Rural Operations for GMT.

Review of Minutes

Review and approval of December 2022 PTAC minutes/record Approved without comment.

Panel Presentations & Discussions

- Budget - No change currently. Crossover is underway. We remain available to provide context. We are in the final stages of crafting the T Bill. Helping towns with local match. VPTA presented PT operations, challenges and new services.
- PT Program Overview- Discussed increasing ridership.
- MTI Grant program - Critical to jumpstart pilot programs.
- Zero Fare Plans- Trying to keep zero fare until Jan. 1, 2024. Impact of going back to fares.
- Micro Transit- Increases interest. Acquiring more money for pilot programs.
- Scheduling and Dispatch Software Update-Crucial to E & D Programs. Formal statewide implementation kicks off started today. HBSS awarded the bid and ready for implementation. TVT the first to implement.
- Low and No Emissions Grant Application- Funding for 27 electric buses. 6 on the road currently. Work with DEC and apply MOU for non-federal match. FTA Altoona Testing. Continued efforts on charging buses. GMC is the only provider with the types of vehicles that are eligible for VW funding, VEIC is again managing the app details and coordinating BED's role and contributions. Applications due April 13. Discussion opened about Vermont weather and landforms and the effect it will have on electric buses.
- 2023 E & D Summit Update- Transition to Mobility Committees. Annual Summit is June 9 – Virtual – to discuss activities, trends, plans and best practices. Potential Match Options. Annual Work Plan guidance. Community Driver Impacts
- UV-C Research Project- FTA grant to study disinfecting – Dartmouth College. HEPA filters vs. UV light. Safer, healthier public transit riders. Surveys showed rider concerns about disease transmission on public transit. Final report expected late summer, early fall.
- Provider Highlight- Randy Schoonmaker presentation. History of SEVT. Territory of SEVT. Local funding partners. Micro Transit highlights. Windsor and Brattleboro pilots. Surveys - extending hours, nights? weekends? Public input is the key.

- Public Transit Policy Plan- <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/PTPP> – Developing 10-year vision. Improved transit service. Updates state policies. Human Services coordination. Better IT services/transit apps. PTPP tasks explained. PTPP timeline – final report Spring 2025

Member Updates

- No comments or discussions.