



Strategy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11th, 2017 8:00am
15 Industrial Parkway, Burlington, VT

Committee Members Present:

Bob Buermann, Chair
Commissioner Spencer
Commissioner Acharya
Commissioner Pouech
Commissioner Currier (via phone)

Staff Present:

Mark Sousa, General Manager
Michelle Daley, Director of Finance
Alma Hebib, Executive Assistant

Meeting opened at 8:13 am

1. Adjustment of the Agenda- No adjustments on the Agenda.
2. Public Comment- No public comment.
3. Approval of the November 13th, 2017 committee minutes- Mrs. Daley stated that the minutes should add “Rural fixed route implementation” on item #5 and “If the VLite grant is approved by BED” on item #5. With those changes, Commissioner Currier made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Pouech seconded and the minutes were approved as amended.
4. Program updates- Mr. Sousa updated the committee regarding the VLITE grant GMT was awarded with for the four electric buses. Mr. Sousa also stated that GMT is getting new buses this week as well. Mr. Sousa discussed the VW settlement process and there is a public meeting at the statehouse on Wednesday. Mr. Sousa plans to work on putting together a proposal to use the settlement funds to pay for electric buses.

The committee discussed issues with RouteMatch in both Rural and Urban areas; Mr. Sousa stated that he is meeting with RouteMatch this week to resolve the issue.

5. Funding study developments- Commissioner Buermann discussed the funding methods and the next steps for future funding models. The committee discussed the next step to the funding study development should be to prioritize the list of potential funding sources and go from there.

Commissioner Spencer discussed the funding report stating that “a key recommendation of our strategic plan that our organization has approved, is financial sustainability. We believe, as the strategy committee, that a key prime directive for addressing financial sustainability is looking at regional or statewide funding models for transit. We want to check in with the Board whether or not you see this as a strategy in the next following years and are we prepared to have staff budget to include funding for this in FY19.”

6. Confirm next meeting date- The next strategy committee is scheduled for January 8th, 2018 at 8:00 am.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 9:09 am.