



**Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020 8:30 AM
101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401
Meeting held virtually via Zoom Meeting**

The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

Present:

Commissioner Pouech
Commissioner Buermann
Commissioner Gallagher
Jon Moore, General Manager
Jamie Smith, Director of Marketing
and Planning
Jenn Wood, Community Outreach
Manager

Chris Damiani, Transit Planner
Trish Redalieu, Director Human
Resources

Absent:

Commissioner Holland

Open Meeting

Commissioner Buermann opened the meeting at 8:33AM.

Adjustment of the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Committee Minutes

Commissioner Pouech made a motion to approve the September 8, 2020 minutes, Commissioner Gallagher seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Microtransit Pilot Project Update

Ms. Smith gave an update on the MyRide by GMT pilot project and timeline. Mr. Moore said this is an exciting program and that there is a lot of interest to expand into other service areas.

The Committee discussed the project briefly.

Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Letter of Support

Jenn Wood gave a high level overview of TCI and a summary of the VBSR letter of support.



Commissioner Pouuech made a motion that the GMT Strategy Committee support this letter and sign, as the committee. Commissioner Buermann noted that the committee isn't chartered to make decisions. He amended the motion to say that GMT Board of Commissioners supports the letter presented by VBSR. Commissioner Pouuech approved the amendment. Commissioner Gallagher seconded. All were in favor and the motion to sign on as a supporter of the VBSR letter carried.

Review of Strategic Goals and Next Steps Discussion

Mr. Moore said a conversation on the agenda for the Leadership Committee is to discuss the next topic for GMT retreat. Strategic goals may be one of the options, which Mr. Moore felt the committee is prepared to speak about the plan. He asked how far the committee would like to develop the plan before the retreat and without Board input. He noted the microtransit and TCI should be in the Strategic Plan, they are not necessarily part of it as it sits now. Mr. Moore presented some notes that he took from the Role of the Board retreat and said other items to add to the strategic plan would be:

- Zero fare
- Regional funding

The Committee discussed next steps which is to determine a date for the retreat and plan a date where the Strategy Committee could reconvene in a working meeting. Commissioner Buermann noted that we should schedule appropriately to give enough time to work on the plan. He suggested a January meeting to work on the plan. Mr. Moore noted that we may need to move the January meeting to another day so we have more time and won't conflict with the other committee meetings.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Pouuech asked about the increase in infection rate and whether we have decreased on-board capacity. Mr. Moore said that as of the previous week, the on-board capacity was decreased to 50% set-aside capacity (from 75%).

Commissioner Pouuech has heard from riders that there were nervous to see more people on board. Mr. Moore said that we were strategic about timing to reduce capacity, we lowered once students left the area to ensure no capacity issues.

Commissioner Buermann asked about employee health and about the employee who tested positive. Mr. Moore said that we worked closely with the VDH and that employee has since returned to work.

Adjourn

Commissioner Gallagher made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pouuech seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:28AM.