



1 **Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners Meeting**
2 **December 17, 2024 – 7:30 a.m.**
3 **101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401 and via Zoom Meetings**
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5 *The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible,*
6 *innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central*
7 *Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit-oriented*
8 *development, and enhance the quality of life for all.*
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10 **Present:**

11 Commissioner Bob Buermann, Grand Isle County
12 Commissioner Susan Grasso, Shelburne
13 Commissioner Catherine Dimitruk, Franklin County
14 Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston
15 Commissioner Tasha Wallis, Lamoille County
16 Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex Town
17 Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski
18 Commissioner Raj Chawla, Essex Junction
19 Commissioner Andrea Suozzo, Burlington
20 Commissioner Henry Bonges, Milton
21 Commissioner Michael Scanlan, South Burlington
22 Commissioner Christian Meyer, Washington County
23 Alt. Commissioner Kyle Grenier, Grand Isle County
24 Alt. Commissioner Tom Derenthal, Burlington
25 Alt. Commissioner Charlene Tallman, Williston
26 Tim Bradshaw, Director of Grants
27 Alt. Commissioner Judy Rosenstreich, Shelburne
28 Monica White, Director of Central VT Services
29 Commissioner Chapin Spencer, Burlington
30 Clayton Clark, General Manager
31 Chris Damiani, Director of Planning
32 Tammy Masse, Controller
33 Nick Foss, Director of Finance
34 Jon Moore, Assistant General Manager
35 Dan Greaves, FGI Dispatch
36 Mari Donna, FGI Customer Service Representative
37 Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources
38 Connor Smith, Capital Projects Manager
39 Kim Smith, Staff Accountant
40 Erika Osorio, Transit Data Analyst



41 Scott Ballard, IT Coordinator
42 Jamie Smith, Director of Rider Experience
43 Matt Kimball, Director of Transit Infrastructure
44 Tyler Austin, Maintenance Manager

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46 Dan Currier, VTrans
47 Ross MacDonald, VTrans
48 Chapin Kaynor, Member of the Public

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52 **Meeting Called to Order**

53 Chair Brewer opened the meeting at 7:30AM and welcomed our new
54 Alternate Commissioner, Charlene Tallman. Chair Brewer also thanked
55 Chapin Kaynor for his work while he was on the Board of Commissioners.

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57 **Adjustment to the Agenda**

58 GM Clark asked to add an item, an amendment to the special assessment,
59 after the consent agenda.

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61 **Public Comment**

62 Chapin Kaynor thanked the Board and noted that he would not be going
63 away and would continue to be an advocate for GMT and public transit. He
64 welcomed staff and Board Commissioners to reach out anytime.

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66 **Action: Consent Agenda**

67 Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and
68 Commissioner Suozzo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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70 **Adjustment to the Special Assessment**

71 GM Clark noted that the approved total was incorrect when presented in
72 November, and the Special Assessment total should be \$308,000.

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74 Commissioner Scanlan made a motion to update and approve the adjusted
75 total Special Assessment (approved November 12, 2024) total from the
76 approved \$298,000 to \$308,000, and Commissioner Dimitruk seconded. All
77 were in favor and the motion carried.

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79 **Action: FY26 Capital Budget Approval**

80 Director Kimball gave an overview of the FY26 Capital Budget.

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82 Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve the FY26 Capital Budget
83 totaling \$20,235,334, and Commissioner Scanlan seconded. Commissioner
84 Dimitruk asked for a future conversation regarding Commissioner Bonges
85 comments on electrification. A majority of Commissioners were in favor and
86 the motion carried. Commissioner Bonges abstained.

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88 **Action: FY26 Operating Budget**

89 Director Foss gave an overview of the FY26 Operating Budget.

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91 Commissioner Wallis made motion to preliminary endorse the FY26 Operating
92 budget totaling \$30,881,167 and approves staff to move forward with the
93 holding of its annual Public Budget Meeting, and Commissioner Spencer
94 seconded. Commissioner Spencer asked for a friendly amendment to the
95 motion and add preliminary endorse noting that this is not a balanced
96 budget and GMT would be working toward a balanced budget in the
97 coming months. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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99 **Action: Approval for Public Meetings**

100 GM Clark discussed the potential changes to the original draft service
101 reduction plan, including changes to the #1 Williston, #11 Airport, #56 Milton
102 Commuter, #9 Riverside/Winooski and #5 Pine Street routes. Staff will need to
103 bring these changes to the public for comment.

104 Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve for staff to conduct two
105 public meetings at GMT headquarters, with both Zoom and in person
106 attendance options, to gather public input on a potential reduction in the
107 frequency of the #1; modifications to the #5 to reflect changes to Pine
108 Street; changes to the #56; and updates to the #9, and Commissioner
109 Scanlan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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111 **Discussion: January 7 Extended Meeting Preview**

112 GM Clark gave an overview of the upcoming Board retreat.

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114 **Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations**

115 Commissioner Grasso a motion finding that premature general public
116 knowledge of our bargaining position for our next urban operators'
117 agreement would place GMT at a substantial disadvantage and
118 Commissioner Suozzo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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120 Commissioner Chawla made a motion to enter executive session to discuss
121 labor negotiations, to include Clayton Clark, Jon Moore, Stephanie Reid, Nick



122 Foss, Jamie Smith, Ross MacDonald and Dan Currier and Christian Meyer
123 seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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125 The Board of Commissioners entered executive session at 8:57AM.

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127 Commissioner Suozzo made a motion to exit executive session, and
128 Commissioner Bohne seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

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130 The Board of Commissioners exited executive session at 9:30AM.

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132 **Committee Reports**

133 Committees gave an overview of the past month's committee meetings.

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135 **Commissioner Comments**

136 Alt. Commissioner Rosenstreich pointed Commissioners to an article in the NY
137 Times focused on the Vermont Legislature.

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139 Commissioner Scanlan asked for a future conversation about vehicle
140 electrification and TDM work. Commissioner Grasso added that GMT
141 conversations should also be present at conversations related to road
142 network and planning.

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144 **Adjourn**

145 Commissioner Bohne made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Grasso
146 seconded. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 9:41AM.