Throughout the past year, the Green Mountain Transit (GMT) has continued to provide valuable public transportation services to Burlington and the greater Burlington area. In FY18, services included local fixed-route bus service; inter-regional commuter service; supermarket and school tripper shuttles; and contracted ADA para-transit service for individuals who are unable to ride fixed-route service.

In FY18, a 13 member Board of Commissioners governed GMT with two Commissioners representing Burlington and one Commissioner from Essex, Hinesburg, Milton, Shelburne, South Burlington, Winooski, Williston, Washington County, Franklin County, Lamoille County, and Grand Isle County. The annual FY18 operating expenses, for the urban area, were $17,198,207.03.
Ridership:

GMT provided 2,257,406 fixed route trips in FY18. This represents a .60% decrease from FY17. While the ridership trend was still pointing down, the decrease was less significant over past years. We are hopeful that system changes will help bring ridership numbers up in the next fiscal year.

In FY18, we continued the NextGen Transit Study. The GMT NextGen Transit Study represents a comprehensive evaluation of the complete GMT system as it exists today. An analysis of existing services and market demand for transit, as well as feedback from stakeholders, riders, and members of the greater community let us know where GMT needs to be, in order to best serve our community.

Included in this plan are three phases of development. GMT is currently refining the overall plan based on community feedback. Once this process is complete GMT will be creating detailed plans for the implementation of Phase 1. Phase 1 implementation is expected to start in FY19.

Capital Projects:

Downtown Transit Center: The one-year warranty with PC Construction ended in October of FY18, although some building components remain under warranty through various subcontractors and manufacturers. Two new platform heaters were installed in late winter/early spring of FY18 to test if the higher heat output would have a noticeable improvement on passenger comfort when using the heaters. The new heaters provided significantly better heating output and it was decided that remaining eight heaters on the platform should be replaced during the summer months. Replacement of the remaining heaters began toward the end of FY18 and would be completed in FY19. Staff also disposed of the remaining DTC project soil that was not approved for reuse by GMT. This soil was disposed in Clinton County, NY and was removed in January 2018.

Solar Shelter Lights: Testing of five new solar light models was completed and it was determined that the Enseicom solar light was the preferred model light for the agency based on performance and price. Twelve new solar lights have been installed at shelters located in Burlington, South Burlington, Colchester, Winooski, Essex Junction, and Williston.

Driveway Connection Ramp: GMT worked with VHB on the design and permitting of a new driveway connection ramp between 1 Industrial Pkwy and 15 Industrial Pkwy. The project also included coordination with Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation on the approval of reuse of soil from the DTC project for construction of the driveway ramp. After evaluating the site
needs at 1 Industrial Pkwy and available funding for the project, it was decided that it would be advantageous to repave the parking lot and front apron as part of the project. All storm water and zoning permit applications were completed and an IFB for construction was issued in June 2018. Award is anticipated to be made in July 2018 with construction anticipated to be completed in 4 months.

**Security System Installation:**

Continuing on the design work that began in late FY17, designs were finalized for the expansion of the security system at the DTC to add card reader access and security cameras to the GMT main facility at 15 Industrial Parkway. The final design included 26 security cameras, card reader access for 16 doors (including the elevator), and system monitoring of 5 man doors and 19 overhead doors. An IFB for construction was issued in April 2018 with an award made to Norris, Inc. in May. Installation commenced in mid-June with installation work continuing into FY19. Construction is scheduled for completion by the end of August.

**Training:**

In FY18, GMT continued to develop and enhance the in-house training program. GMT trained 19 employees to receive their Commercial Drivers License (CDL) B with passenger endorsements. Given the state of the current labor market this is a business necessity.

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