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NextGen Berlin Public Meeting Minutes Green Mountain Transit

Thursday May 31st, 2018 - 6:00 PM

*Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Road
Berlin, VT 05602*

Staff: Jon Moore, GMT Director of Maintenance & Planning; Rachel Kennedy, GMT Senior Transit Planner

Partners: Bonnie Waninger, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Members of the Public: Approximately 20 members of the public were present

The meeting opened at 6:07PM

Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Presentation**
 - What is NextGen?
 - Recommended Changes by Service Area and Type
 - Route Level Changes:
- **Discussion Session**

Discussion:

Clarification with ADA service: if you live within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a local route and are eligible for ADA service you will receive door to door service, and will not have to change buses.

Comments regarding current issues with service for the blind:

Lack of stop announcements

Lack of courtesy from bus drivers, though there are good and bad drivers

Members of the public have stated these concerns previously and feel like there has been a lack of follow up from GMT

Comments were made regarding the need for GMT to be more proactive in getting people on the bus, perhaps with a marketing campaign, as well as the need to target people not riding the bus, perhaps through surveying at senior centers.

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Request to create an easier transfer from Waterbury to Berlin Health & Rehab.

Request for Saturday service in Waterbury.

Question: Will the elderly be automatically eligible to ride the bus?

Answer: No, there will be an ADA qualification process for complementary ADA service.

Public comments that having an automatic age at which you qualify for Complimentary ADA would be good for the community and increase ridership.

Question: Will we have electric buses in the Capital District?

Answer: It's not in our current plans. We did just get funding for 3 electric buses in Burlington. In the capital district we are getting new buses, and switching from diesel to gas which will make them more reliable.

Request for buses to meet the train.

Proposal to reroute the Circulator to be two routes; N/S and E/W. Perhaps extending the 82 North and the 80 E/W.

Request to have seasonal routing for the Northern leg of the Montpelier Circulator.

Request for an Express route from Barre to National Life on 89.

Request for the last AM LINK Montpelier to Burlington to leave 10-15 minutes later to make it easier for school drop-off.

Request for Yearly Unlimited Passes.

Request that it be made clear ADA complementary service will only be applied to $\frac{3}{4}$ buffer around local routes.

Advocate for continue service on the northern leg of the Montpelier Circulator - CCV

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