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NextGen Winooski Public Meeting Minutes

Green Mountain Transit

Tuesday, June 5th 2018 – 9:00AM

CCRPC, 110 W Canal St #202

Winooski, VT 05404

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

Partners: Chapin Kaynor, Board of Commissioners: Williston Representative

Members of the Public: Sharon Beebe, Jennifer Townley, Edward Lincoln, Meghan Cope, Luke Valentine, Bob Henneberger, Brian Bigelow, Joss Besse, Megan Rigoni, Carl Fowler, Richard Hosking, Lucille Malaney, Andrea Todd

The session opened at 9:10AM

Agenda

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

Discussion:

Comment: Lack of sidewalks in Williston make using transit challenging/dangerous

Route 1V – Williston doesn't run frequently enough/have enough service hours to gain ridership

Advocate to continue operating Route 1V - Williston

Request to run Route 1 - Williston up to Essex Junction

Request to run Route 10 – more and later

Answer: this is included in the NextGen Plan

Advocate to continue operating Route 1V – Williston: UVM employee

Comment that GMT should tweak schedule before eliminating service: need early afternoon service not two buses close together in late afternoon.

Request that GMT look at ridership when UVM is in session

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Request that GMT reach out to Elm Brook and other local schools to see if GMT is service is aligning with their schedules.

Request for signs at DTC to be fixed

Answer: we are working with the vendor to address these issues

Comment on dangerous drop-off across from the Ski-Rack

Answer: this will be addressed in NextGen

Advocate to continue operating Route 1V - Williston

Comment: If we run Williston 1V out and back rather than as a 'lollipop' would better serve non-commuters.

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Importance of providing service to those who can't drive.

Question: How are we doing outreach to senior centers and attracting riders/teaching people use the service

Answer: GMT has a program called Bus Buddies that will go out to communities and do presentations

Comment: Untapped market of riders who work at UVM, GMT should do targeted mailing, especially in light of UVM losing 400 parking spots next year.