

## GMT NextGen Transit Plan Public Hearing

Date: December 4, 2017  
Time: 5:00 PM  
Place: Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall  
Staff Present: David Armstrong, Planning Manager  
Geoff Slater, Nelson Nygaard

Public Present: Kurt Johnson  
Ray Walker  
Rebecca Webb  
Amanda Swevens  
Heidi Swevens  
Lorraine Mogus  
Chapin Kaynor, GMT Board of Commissioners

Don Cummings  
Don MacDonald  
Thomas Caswell  
Ray Coffey  
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Mr. Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and outlined the general nature and goals of the GMT NextGen Transit Plan. Mr. Slater gave a presentation on the Plan, outlining the work done to date, including the three improvement scenarios which have been developed for each route. These three scenarios include a cost neutral, modest (10%) cost increase, and a more extensive (20%) cost increase. Mr. Armstrong stressed that these scenarios are not set in stone, and are intended to help inform the public and the Plan study group, in order to arrive at final route/system recommendations.

### Public comment:

- Add Sunday service to Shelburne Rd (#6)
- Where did GMT and Nelson Nygaard get ridership figures?
  - Mr. Armstrong: A combination of annual ridecheck data and boarding data from fareboxes was used.
- Improve transferability (between routes) as well as accessibility via expanded span of service
- Improved public information
  - Increase lead time between new guide release and effective date
  - Ensure on-bus notices are current
  - Improved guide format
- Better bus stop and shelter maintenance
- Maintain Williston Village (#1V) service for those who depend on it for employment
- Remove University Mall from Williston (#1) inbound service
- Keep either Williston (#1) OR UMall/Airport (#12) on White St in S. Burlington, not both
- Consider paratransit changes when considering fixed-route changes
  - Mr. Armstrong: GMT is cognizant of potential paratransit impacts and will address them with Special Services Transportation Agency (SSTA) if/when they arise.
- Who is the NextGen Transit Plan “aimed” at?
  - Mr. Armstrong: The Plan is intended to improve the GMT system for all current and future passengers and all potential trip types, (commuting, leisure, medical, educational, shopping, etc.).

Mr. Armstrong closed the meeting at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Armstrong, GMT Planning Manager