

Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, November 11, 2024 101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401

The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

Present

- 2 Clayton Clark, General Manager
- 3 Ash LaBombard, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator
- 4 Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston
- 5 Commissioner Bob Buermann, Grand Isle County
- 6 Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex
- 7 Ross MacDonald, VTrans
- 8 Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski
- 9 Monica White, Director of Central Vermont Services
- 10 Commissioner Andrea Suozzo, Burlington
- 11 Connor Smith, Project Coordinator
- 12 Jon Moore, Assistant General Manager
- 13 Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources
- 14 Kimberly Smith, Accountant
- 15 Jamie Smith, Director of Rider Experience
- 16 Chris Damiani, Director of Planning
- 17 Nick Foss, Director of Finance
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19 Open Meeting

- 20 Commissioner Brewer opened the meeting at 11:00 AM.
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22 Adjustment of the Agenda

- 23 GM Clark asked for a discussion regarding a special assessment be added after
- 24 the recommendation for the Board to Adopt the Draft Interim Legislative Report.
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26 Public Comment

- 27 None
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29 Approval of Committee Minutes

- 30 Commissioner Buermann motioned to approve the October minutes;
- 31 Commissioner Davis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- 32 Recommend Board Adopt Draft Interim Legislative Report

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- 33 GM Clark tasked the Committee with reviewing the draft legislative report and
- 34 providing comments and edits before the Board meeting on Tuesday,
- 35 November 12th.
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- 37 Commissioner Davis motioned for the Board to adopt the Draft Legislative
- Report as modified by the discussion. Commissioner Suozzo seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.
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41 Discussion Regarding Special Assessment

- 42 GM Clark spoke to the challenges of a special assessment and the possibility of
- 43 asking municipalities for authorization to do a special assessment if additional
- 44 funds cannot be found. A brief discussion was had, and the committee favored
- 45 starting the process.
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- 47 Commissioner Paul Bohne motioned that the Leadership Committee
- 48 recommend the special assessment be started and that the Board consider
- 49 approval. Commissioner Suozzo seconded all were in favor, and the motion
- 50 carried.
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52 Legislative Partnerships

- 53 GM Clark opened this topic with his plan to have commissioners adopt a
- 54 committee in the legislature to meet based on interest and skill set. The
- 55 discussion included possible lobbying training, selecting who would adopt an
- 56 organization or committee, and the timeline.
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58 **Commissioner Comments**

- 59 Commissioner Suozzo thanked GM Clark for the work he has done in the past 60 few months.
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62 Adjourn

- 63 Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Bohne seconded. All
- 64 were in favor and the meeting adjourned.