



1 **Green Mountain Transit Leadership Committee Minutes**
2 **April 12, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.**
3 **101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401**

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

11 **Present:**

12 Commissioner Bonnie Waninger, Washington County
13 Commissioner John Sharrow, Milton
14 Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex
15 Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski
16 Commissioner Meg Polyte, Burlington
17 Jon Moore, Director of Finance
18 Jamie Smith, Director of Planning and Marketing
19 Nick Foss, Director of Finance
20 Connie Englert, Director of Transportation

22 **Open Meeting**

23 Chair Waninger opened the meeting at 11:01 AM.

25 **Adjustment of the Agenda**

26 None

28 **Public Comment**

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31 **Approval of Committee Minutes**

32 Commissioner Bohne made a motion to approve the committee minutes,
33 Commissioner Sharrow seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

35 **General Manager Report – Updates and Opportunity for Questions**

36 GM Moore gave an update on the hiring of a new HR Director, who is set to
37 start on May 2nd.

39 **Annual Transportation Program Bill (H.736) Update**

40 GM Moore gave an update on recent testimony to the Senate



41 Transportation Committee. In the event of additional state funding, GMT
42 could draw down additional federal funding, potentially preserving fare free
43 service (even on the LINK Express routes) and avoid service eliminations.

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45 **Approval to Seek Funds for Capstone Mobility Project Discussion**

46 GM Moore gave an update on the Capstone mobility for all project.
47 Currently staff is working on a subrecipient agreement which would include
48 Capstone as the provider for E&D and Medicaid trips, when feasible.

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50 GMT would apply for \$300K in the state grant application for a Mobility for All
51 pilot project. At some point, we would explore using Capstone capacity to
52 assist in the microtransit services.

53 Chair Waninger asked if there was clear resolution on the ADA requirements,
54 in the event that Capstone is using non-accessible sedans. GM Moore said
55 that GMT would lease an accessible vehicle to Capstone to be able to
56 provide those rides.

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58 Chair Waninger asked if Capstone is still pursuing legislative funding to
59 operate this outside of GMT agreement. GM Moore said to his knowledge,
60 yes.

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62 **CCRPC RAISE Grant Application Letter of Support Discussion**

63 GM Moore gave an update on the RAISE grant application that CCRPC is
64 managing and asked the Leadership Committee to support offering a letter
65 of support.

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67 Chair Waninger asked if GMT is thinking about any type of service model that
68 incorporates transit properties owning buildings with housing that is run like a
69 for profit and use the funding for local match?

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71 GM Moore noted that this type of project, hopefully, would be considered in
72 the RAISE grant application process.

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74 The Leadership Committee was supportive of offering a letter of support.

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76 **Draft Board Agenda Review**

77 The Leadership Committee reviewed the proposed agenda.

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79 Commissioner Polyte asked for time during committee updates to review
80 some high-level data from the Talitha survey results.



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82 **Commissioner Comments**

83 Commissioner Bohne wanted to note some concern on how quickly GMT is
84 moving toward electrification and requested in-depth information on how
85 the electric fleet is doing and how more electric vehicles would impact the
86 system moving forward.

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88 **Adjourn**

89 Commissioner Bohne made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Sharrow
90 seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 11:55AM.