



NextGen Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday September 12th, 2017 2:00 pm
15 Industrial Parkway, Burlington VT

Committee and staff members present:

Mark A. Sousa, General Manager
Jon Moore, Director of Maintenance and Planning
David Armstrong, Planning Manager
Jame L. Smith, Marketing and Public Affairs Manager
Alma Hebib, Executive Assistant
Geoff Slater, Nelson Nygaard
Sam Wright, Nelson Nygaard
Alain Hirsch, Transit Planner
Chris Loyer, Public Affairs
Peter Keating, CCRPC
Catherine Dimitrick, Treasurer
Chapin Kaynor, Chairman
Bob Buermann, Chairman
Katherine Miles, Commissioner
Rob Moore, Commissioner
Bonnie Waninger, Commissioner

Members of the public:

Don MacDonald

Meeting opened at 2:01 pm

1. Adjustment to the Agenda- No adjustments were made to the Agenda.
2. Public Comment- Don Mac Donald reviewed a handout given to the committee members.
3. Approval of the August meeting minutes- Peter Keating, CCRPC, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miles. No additional comments.
4. Public Outreach Activities- Staff has, or will, be presenting NextGen materials to all of the Regional Planning Commissions in the GMT service area in the coming weeks.

The committee discussed the overall goals and objectives of the NextGen Transit Plan.

These include:

- Making transit more convenient
(Providing convenient options to travel by personal automobiles, simplifying service to make it easier to understand, expanding services to new areas and improving passenger comfort at stops and on- board vehicles.)
- Connecting people to life activities
(Connecting people with jobs and services, providing services that help people live independently and emphasizing services that will benefit the largest numbers of people.)
- Improving the regions quality of life



(Improving economic opportunities for disadvantaged residents, providing services that help people and new residents adapt to life in Vermont.)

- Providing financially and environmentally sustainable services.
(Effectively matching services with demand, providing services that meet GMT's service guidelines and meeting VTrans' productivity and cost-effective guidelines.)

5. Chittenden County Service Scenario - Mr. Slater presented an analysis of the new services identified by the advisory committee that were not included in the urban service scenarios presented at the August meeting. These services include:

Grand Isle ferry to Burlington, Tilley Drive Fixed Route Service, Extensions of RT 7 North Ave to Colchester, North Ave Circulator/Demand Response, Shelburne Road to Dorset Street Service, Essex Center to Taft Corner Service, Richmond Park and Ride Service, Tilley Drive fixed, Richmond to Downtown Burlington.

There was discussion on the travel flow numbers presented by Nelson Nygard. Mr. Slater explained the source of the travel flow data were from the ACS survey through the U.S. Census Bureau. Multiple members of the Advisory Committee questioned the accuracy of the data based on their local knowledge of their represented areas. Mr. Slater stated that he would recheck the accuracy of the data before the next meeting.

6. Capital District Service Scenarios- There was a review of the Capital District routes. The committee looked at data provided by Mr. Slater for the current routes and looked at new service scenarios. A focus of the Capital area service redesign includes consolidating the City Commuter and City Mid-day routes into one route, consolidating the Barre Hospital Hill and the Montpelier Hospital Hill routes into one route and adding complimentary ADA service to eliminate the need for the multiple current demand response routes and deviations on fixed route services.

The Franklin-Grand Isle, Lamoille and Sugarbush draft service scenarios will be presented at the October meeting.

7. Next Meeting- A doodle poll will be sent to committee to schedule the next meeting on 10/12 or 10/13.
8. Adjourn- A motion was made to adjourn meeting; motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 pm.