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Attendees: Dan Currier, CVRPC; Bruce Bertholon, Rotary/MRV TAC; Gary Holman, Row Houses Resident; Carolyn Heft, Mad River Shops and Resident; Kevin Russel, MRV TAC; Jim Wethelle, Sugarbush; Marrgo Wade, Sugarbush; Rebecca Baruzzi, Capstone; Johnny Eure, MRV Foodshelf; Deborah Kahn, MRV TAC; Mariah Noth, MRV Planning District

Staff: Jon Moore, Director of Planning & Maintenance; Chris Loyer, Public Affairs Coordinator

Mad River Valley Transportation Advisory Committee Public Hearing

4:00 Ms. Noth calls meeting to order

4:06 Mr. Moore begins presentation of Proposed Service Changes for 2018 – 2019 season

4:39 Mr. Moore concludes presentation and describes process for service change approval

4:42 Mr. Moore opens to questions & comments

Feedback:

Gary Holman – Requests extension of Mountain Condos route 300-400 yards to serve Row Houses?

- Row Houses consists of 10 houses
 - Reportedly there are some resident who have been able to access services from the Row Houses.

Rebecca Baruzzi – Community has additional transportation needs especially with an aging population and low -income residents.

- Request for GMT to consider additional services in the Mad River Valley

Bruce Bertholon – Suggested North Lynx and Row houses locations could potentially be serviced

Deb Kahn – Will deviations still be available?

- Mr. Moore: Deviations will still be available

Kevin Russel – eliminating Route 17 service in unfortunate and feels that Mt Ellen could benefit from the service.

Margo Wade – Requested additional details on Mt Ellen and Access Road consolidation

- Mr. Moore: There will be two buses operating the Mt. Ellen service to accomplish the increased frequency proposal on the Mt. Ellen Route
- Could the former Garrison Inn receive service along the route to Mad River Barn?
 - Mr. Loyer: Currently no sign on business, still under construction but GMT could certainly provide service to the Route 17 access point of the old Garrison property.

Dan Currier – Will Valley evening Service remain on Dial-a-Ride service?

- Mr. Moore: Yes, that is the plan for this season. GMT is looking into potential options for modification of Valley Evening Service for the future. This would allow for dispatch hours to be reallocated to additional service.
- Margo Wade – Suggested a service area map needed would be helpful. Proposed the idea of converting VES to fixed route service

Mariah Noth – How many buses in the fleet for the MRV service?

- Mr. Moore: Last year 6 cut-aways and one Gillig
- Mr. Moore: Keep 6 cut-aways and the Gillig will be transported on Fridays or appropriate time frames to accommodate weekend and holiday service dates

Margo Wade – Are any new buses coming up here?

- Mr. Moore: No new buses this year, we will not have them in the fleet.

Dan Currier– What will drivers be using to count ridership?

- Mr. Moore: Drivers will count with **one** method
 - Route Match or count sheets
 - Training at preseason will address ridership recording and emphasize the importance.
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Margo Wade – Requested alighting data to be recorded

- Mr. Moore: 50/50 shot for happening this year – Dependent on Route Match
- QR code possibilities to potentially gauge interest in fixed stop locations

Margo Wade – Communication will be **critical** for the service changes for this year.

Dan Currier – Will there be service on Route 17 with the deadheads? And what will it look like?

- Mr. Moore: Service can be provided utilizing some of the deadhead trips to Mad River Barn and Pindari Properties.
 - GMT will be route and schedule testing within 1-2 weeks
 - More details about Route 17 service will be provided after the completion of Route testing

Mariah Noth – Will Hostel Teverre and Powderhound receive service?

- Mr. Moore: Schedule adherence will dictate our ability to serve additional properties

Johnnye Eure – Requested additional meetings to address year-round expanded transit options.