South Burlington NextGen Meeting Minutes | Green Mountain Transit
April 4, 2019 - 5:00 PM

South Burlington Police Department, Miller Room
19 Gregory Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403

Staff: Jon Moore, Director of Transportation; Jamie Smith, Marketing and Public Affairs Manager; Mark Sousa, General Manager, Thomas Chittenden, GMT Board Chair

Members of the Public: members of the public were present

The meeting opened at 5:05 PM.

Agenda
- Nextgen Overview
- Proposed FY20 Assessment Impacts
- Proposed Fare Increases
- Passenger Facing Technology
- Next Steps

Questions and Comments: Service Change Proposals
- A suggestion was made to consider operating the #12 to the Downtown Transit Center for a true multi-modal connection. This comment came up several times during the presentation.
- Sunset Avenue on Hinesburg Road was identified as a stop that served 2% of the overall ridership for the #12 and it is a group of longstanding and dedicated riders.
- A question was asked if GMT has the statistics on number of passengers on Hinesburg Road who have disabilities?
- Do private partners, such as grocery stores, contribute to bus services?
- Commissioner Chittenden mentioned that a conversation was being re-opened with the airport about contributions to the bus service.
- Pillsbury Manor was impossible to access during heavy snow. Consider moving the bus stop to Gilbert instead. Add a high priority stop to that section of Williston Road for snow removal.
- What are the plans for bus shelters? Consider a shelter across from The Pines.
- Shelter at Pillsbury Manor/Gazebo Apartments
• A comment was made about fares on the route serving the airport. City of South Burlington is having internal discussions on fares for that service. City of Burlington pays the foregone fares for the current College Street Shuttle, $120,000 per year (depending on ridership).
• Additional concerns were raised about discontinuation of service on Hinesburg Road
  o ½ mile walk seems reasonable to GMT, but to the folks that have to walk, it’s not
  o Further diminishes the bus service.
  o Made inconvenient the first time when GMT discontinued bi-directional service on Hinesburg Road, then again when GMT stopped holding transfers at the University Mall. Pretty soon the service will be useless to passengers in South Burlington.

Comments regarding fare increase:
• Support was shown for increasing fares, seems like a reasonable increase.
• Don’t know anything else that hasn’t increased in price since 2005.
• A question was asked about the cost of ten ride bus passes.
• Can passes be sold at City of South Burlington?

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34 PM.