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Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022 | 8:30 AM
101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401
Meeting held virtually via Zoom Meetings

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:**
Commissioner Phil Pouech, Hinesburg
Commissioner Bob Buermann, Grand Isle County
Alternate Commissioner Tom Derenthal, Burlington
Alternate Commissioner Marcie Gallagher, Burlington
Chris Damiani, Senior Transit Planner
Jamie Smith, Director of Marketing and Planning
Jon Moore, General Manager
Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources
Nick Foss, Director of Finance

Open Meeting
Chair Buermann opened the meeting at 8:32AM.

Adjustment of the Agenda
Commissioners requested to discuss a legislative update, and if time allows, the strategic plan.

Intro to Stephanie Reid
GM Moore introduced Director Stephanie Reid to committee members.
Director Reid gave a brief introduction and talked about prior HR experience.
Committee members introduced themselves to Director Reid.

Public Comment
None

Approval of Committee Minutes



39 Commissioner Pouech made a motion to approve the previous meeting
40 minutes, Alternate Commissioner Derenthal seconded. All were in favor and
41 the motion carried.

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43 **Continuation of Fare Free Service**

44 GM Moore gave an update on the legislative session. The Transportation Bill
45 was back and forth between the House and Senate Transportation
46 Committees, and both groups worked on amendments related to the GMT
47 funding. The Senate Transportation Committee passed their version Friday,
48 and it now goes back to the House Transportation Committee for voting. The
49 Senate version of the bill has some language specific to avoiding service
50 reductions, and other language that gives GMT flexibility in the use of the
51 funds.

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53 Cost benefit analysis to remain fare free on all routes. \$167k if we charge on
54 link and local commuters, looking at what it would cost to collect funds
55 relative to that revenue.

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57 **State Grant Application Funding requests**

58 Director Smith gave an update on three projects that were included for
59 funding in the state grant application.

- 60 1. Project 1: Expansion of Stowe Mountain Road shuttle
- 61 2. Project 2: Possibly bringing back the Montpelier Hospital Hill fixed route
62 service to address the needs of passengers without access to
63 technology.
- 64 3. Project 3: Expansion of the MyRide service into Barre. This would be
65 added service to the system.

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67 The committee supported the projects presented.

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69 **Commissioner Items**

70 Alternate Commissioner Derenthal asked GM Moore's assessment on the fuel
71 budget and asked where he thinks we will be at the end of the year? GM
72 Moore wasn't sure where fuel prices would end up, but indicated that they
73 have become crippling.

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75 Alternate Commissioner Gallagher asked what is the potential to masks
76 encouraged signage? Director Smith said staff would update the signage
77 and agreed that a "masks welcomed and encouraged" message would be
78 beneficial.



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80 **Adjourn**

81 Alternate Commissioner Gallagher made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner

82 Pouech seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.