



1                                   **Strategy Committee Meeting Agenda**  
2                                   **September 12, 2022 8:30 AM**  
3                                   **101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401**  
4                                   **Meeting held virtually via Zoom Meetings**

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

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11                   **Present:**

12                   Jamie Smith, Director of Marketing & Planning  
13                   Commissioner Bob Buermann, Grand Isle County  
14                   Chris Damiani, Senior Transit Planner  
15                   Ashley LaBombard, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator  
16                   Jon Moore, General Manager  
17                   Alt. Commissioner Chapin Kaynor, Williston  
18                   Alt. Commissioner Marcie Gallagher, Burlington

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20                   **Open Meeting**

21                   The meeting began, without quorum, at 8:34AM.

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23                   **Adjustment of the Agenda**

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26                   **Public Comment**

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29                   **Approval of Committee Minutes**

30                   There was no motion due to the committee not having quorum. Approval of  
31                   minutes was moved to the next Strategy Committee meeting.

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33                   **Microtransit Feasibility**

34                   Director Smith provided an update of where the planning department is with  
35                   the in regards to microtransit including:

- 36                   • Contract with VPTA for one more feasibility study  
37                   • VTRANS grant funding available for more feasibility studies  
38                   • The potential for a microtransit feasibility audit of GMTs entire system to  
39                   see where we could replace, add or enhance current fixed-route  
40                   service



41 Commissioner Buermann expressed favor in a comprehensive look at our  
42 system instead of a piecemeal approach. Director Smith explained her vision  
43 for this process including having advisory groups for each community help  
44 design the scope for each part of the system, and having everyone involved  
45 at the feasibility level.

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47 Director Smith presented the Barre feasibility study to the Committee to show  
48 the comprehensive nature of the study and how it could translate to the  
49 system as a whole. The study looked at community makeup i.e.  
50 demographics, usage of current routes, different recommendations based  
51 on data, simulations based on recommendations, & a launch plan that  
52 includes marketing the service.

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54 Commissioners Gallagher and Buermann were impressed by how in-depth  
55 this study went into looking at the demographic makeup of the community.  
56 Commissioner Buermann expressed his interest into seeing what this would  
57 look like in Franklin County.

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59 GM Moore noted that while we have state funding to operate microtransit in  
60 Barre in FY23, we are still currently facing a number of staffing related service  
61 reductions in Washington county. GM Moore feels that it is best to wait on  
62 implementing the project in Barre until pre-existing services are reinstated.

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64 Commissioner Kaynor expressed that the demographic data in this study is  
65 important especially when going after local funding to help support it. He  
66 went on to explain how Williston village looked at models to regain  
67 transportation services after losing it due to service prioritization.

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### 69 **Mobility for All**

70 GM Moore provided an update of the VTRANS project Mobility for All  
71 including: the hierarchy of demand response service specific to our rural  
72 areas & how it fits in with our current services. As a part of this, we are looking  
73 at drafting and agreeing to a sub recipient agreement with Community  
74 Rides Vermont, an organization created by Capstone Community group in  
75 Barre. The way this agreement would work is that rides that fit within the  
76 framework for Mobility for all would be contracted out to Community Rides  
77 Vermont as a lower cost & more environmentally friendly option due to their  
78 smaller electric vehicles.

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80 Commissioner Kaynor asked if it would be parallel to say that in Grand Isle if  
81 we connected to Cider or if in Underhill and Jericho we connected to  
82 Mansfield Villages. GM Moore replied that this was a good comparison, and  
83 that this would be a demand response for the general public.

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85 Commissioner Kaynor went on to comment what we doing with Capstone  
86 could be a model for what we do with other community based organizations  
87 potentially.

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89 GM Moore stated that the biggest hang-up currently is how the rides are  
90 scheduled. Capstone would like access to our Route Match system, and  
91 have passengers call them directly. We do not feel comfortable with that;  
92 Calls should go through our call center and manifests should be sent to them  
93 as necessary.

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95 Both Commissioner Buermann and Kaynor were interested in seeing how this  
96 model may work with other organizations like Cider in Grand Isle. GM Moore  
97 noted that Capstone is providing a 20% local match to gain the necessary  
98 funding for this program.

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#### 100 **Commissioner Items**

101 Commissioner Gallagher asked about how customers can report instances in  
102 which the bus is late and/or the bus missing customers at bus shelters.

103 Director Smith explained that we have an email([info@ridegmt.com](mailto:info@ridegmt.com)) which  
104 people can use to report instances.

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#### 106 **Adjourn**

107 Chair Buermann ended the meeting at 9:29AM.