



1 **Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes**
2 **April 12, 2021 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 Commissioner Buermann
13 Commissioner Pouech
14 Commissioner Gallagher
15 Commissioner Holland
16 Jon Moore, General Manager
17 Jamie Smith, Director of Marketing and Planning
18 Nick Foss, Director of Finance
19 Chris Damiani, Transit Planner
20 Stephen Falbel, Steadman Hill Consulting

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22 **Open Meeting:**

23 Commissioner Buermann opened the meeting at 8:33AM

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25 **Adjustment of the Agenda:**

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28 **Public Comment:**

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31 **Approval of Committee Minutes:**

32 Commissioner Pouech made a motion to approve the March 8, 2021
33 minutes, Commissioner Gallagher seconded. All were in favor and the motion
34 carried.

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36 **Strategic Goals:**

37 Director Smith introduced the updated FY21 Strategic Goals document;
38 noting the changes made were based on feedback from committee
39 meetings, the Board retreat, staff review, and any anecdotal items (for
40 example, comments about goals maybe being split into two goals or items



41 that could live in two places). Steve Falbel gave a comprehensive overview
42 of the goals document, including a new section that talks about guiding
43 principles for the strategic goals. A request was made to add “increasing
44 ridership” to the guiding principles list.

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46 **Transit Strategic Plan Timeline Update:**

47 Director Smith gave an update on where the Planning Department currently
48 is in the process of developing the TSP with Steve Falbel. We are still on track
49 to have Chapters 1-3 completed in FY21.

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51 **Commissioner Items:**

52 Brief discussion about transit funds in the proposed Federal Jobs bill and how
53 GMT may not be able to use the funds if they require the traditional 50%
54 match. Commissioner Buermann asked GMT staff to develop a list of talking
55 points that commissioners could use when discussing funding with Legislators
56 and their staffs, for example suggest the match be eliminated.

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58 Commissioner Pouech gave an update from the Hinesburg Select Board
59 meeting; noting that the Select Board is creating a smaller sub-committee to
60 discuss potential projects that could be implemented in the event that
61 federal money becomes available.

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63 GM Moore said that GMT staff will be working with rural RPCs to discuss
64 valuable transit projects that can be implemented in the event that RPCs are
65 unable to use all the federal money provided to them.

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67 **Adjourn:**

68 Commissioner Pouech made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Gallagher
69 seconded. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 9:26AM.