

Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee
November 5, 2019
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Montpelier City Hall
Memorial Room

Draft Minutes

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Present: Heather Voisin, Stephen Falbel, Ian Anderson, Constantinos Stivaros, Jack McCullough (City Council), Celia Riechel, Dona Bate, Kevin Casey, Corey Line, Mark Provost, Mike Miller, Kate McCann

Members of the public: Elizabeth Parker, Hanif Nazerali, Rose Paul

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Constantinos

Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

Minutes approved as amended by unanimous consent.

Elizabeth talked about the opening of the transit center and about bringing the PEBL to Montpelier. Hanif reported on talk by Jeff Speck about walkable cities (given on October 16 in Burlington).

Elizabeth also asked for volunteers to assist with CVRPC's bicycle count.

Cross Vermont Trail

Applying for Transportation Alternatives grant. Seeking Montpelier's support for the grant application. Heather moved that MTIC enthusiastically support this critical connection provided by this section of the Cross VT Trail, seconded by Celia. Passed unanimously.

Planning

Downtown Streetscape Master Plan – another public meeting planned following charrette in September. Tues Nov 19 public meeting in the late afternoon at City Hall to show conceptual ideas.

Mike Miller presented about updating the City Plan (formerly known as the Master Plan). Current plan found not to be strategic enough. Also sought to break topics into component chapters.

Mike described the implementation white paper as a framework for the planning chapters. Distinguished between programs, projects, permits and policies. Goal is to connect strategies to the goals and vision (aspiration).

He then described the preliminary Transportation Implementation Strategy. Looking for input from MTIC; just initial ideas in the present draft.

Question about where school transportation appears in the plan. Could be in community services or transportation. Same with public transportation.

Parking will be part of the transportation chapter.

He discussed the process of plan development with committees, the Planning Commission and public input. Will be discussed at two or more MTIC meetings. For December, MTIC will focus on aspirations and goals.

DPW Update

Project update provided with agenda. DPW now has a FACEBOOK page. Discussion of the "See, Click, Fix" function.

Corey asked about installing rapid flashing beacons at two locations on Northfield St. MTIC expressed preference for signs with LEDs on border of sign rather than the beacons that have been used thus far. Dona moved to purchase the signs with lights on the border. Celia seconded. All in favor.

Traffic Calming

Working group met two weeks ago; got through the introduction. Will meet again before the next MTIC meeting to complete the revision. Corey brought up the issue of how the City could initiate a traffic calming request rather than only receiving requests from the public. Discussion of relationship of traffic calming to Complete Streets.

Ordinance Chapter 10

Corey commented on the process for reducing the speed limit in the downtown area to 15 MPH. He questioned whether inserting it in the ordinance is effective. It will remain in the draft for consideration by City Council. Corey asked about speed limits on multi-use path, if there were any examples. Discussion of parking meters and pricing. Kevin pointed out that there is no active management of parking in the city. Kate moved to approve the draft of the ordinance with comments to submit to City Council. All in favor except for Jack.

Adjourned at 8:10

Minutes recorded by Stephen Falbel