

NRPC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Thursday September 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format

Attendance

Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present
Alburgh Town	Vacant		Alburgh Village	Jason Beaulac		Bakersfield	Vacant	
Enosburg Falls	Gary Denton		Enosburg Town	Joey Clark		Fairfax	Shaw Lafountain	
Fairfield	Maurice Jettie Cathy Ainsworth (alt)		Fletcher	Vacant		Franklin	Peter Magnant	X
Georgia	Suzanna Brown	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	O	Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford		South Hero	Bob Buermann	O	St. Albans City	Vacant	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)		Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	X	Swanton Village	Reginald Beliveau	O
GMT (Transit)	Chris Damiani		NECR (Rail)	Charles Hunter		MVRT (Bike/Ped)	Vacant	
Air Rep.	Vacant		Berkshire	Vacant		North Hero	Vacant	

Other Participants: Kyle Grenier (NRPC), Matthew Arancio (VTrans), Marlana Valenta (NRPC Guest), Jenn Yandow (GMP Guest). All in person.

X = In person

O = Online

Chair, Harold Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda – No.

2. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks

3. Opportunity for Public Comment – None

4. Regional Plan Update

K. Grenier informed the Committee that the 2023-2031 Regional Plan was adopted at the July 26, 2023 NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting.

5. Electric Vehicle (EV) Presentation and Discussion with guests:

Jenn Yandow, Green Mountain Power and Marlana Valenta, NRPC Energy and Climate Planner.

J. Yandow walked the TAC through a PowerPoint presentation covering topics including: current number of EV registrations in Vermont, benefits of strategic electrification and carbon emissions, EV battery life, etc. M. Valenta shared her first-hand experience as an EV driver, and helped to explain

28 some common questions about EV ownership and usage; also, information about the current electrical
29 grid/capacity in the region and beyond. Both J. Yandow and M. Valenta time answering individual TAC
30 questions and concerns.
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32 **6. Minutes of the July 13, 2023 Meeting**

33 R. Beliveau moved to approve July 13, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. B. Morris seconded. The
34 motion carried.
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36 **7. TAC Member and Staff Updates**

37 B. Morris noted concerns about dirt bikes he witnessed on the MVRT between Sheldon Junction and
38 the St. Albans trailhead. Concerns about the lack of restroom facilities as a result of the closure of the
39 store/restaurant at Sheldon Junction, also.

40 K. Grenier shared updates regarding the Franklin VT120 intersection project, Swanton I-89 NB Exit 21
41 project, Fairfax VT104/VT128 intersection project, Sheldon Gristmill LVRT Scoping Study, NRPC Traffic
42 & Pedestrian counts.
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44 **7. Other Business**

45 Next meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023. TAC members agreed to invite local legislators to the
46 November 9, 2023 meeting and will conduct planning session to identify discussion topics at the
47 October 2023 meeting.
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49 P. Magnant motioned to adjourn the meeting. R. Beliveau seconded. The motion carried. The meeting
50 adjourned at 8:31 PM