



## MEETING NOTICE:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

NRPC Conference Room, 75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT 05478

Thursday January 11, 2023 - 6:30-8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format: in person and remote (remote details below)

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
2. **Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks**
3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
4. **Recap/Follow up: 2023 Legislative Roundtable Discussion-** meeting notes are included for review.
5. **2023 season data collection review-** including traffic counts, rail trail bike/pedestrian counts.
6. **TAC Member and Staff Updates**
7. **Other Business**
  - Next meeting: February 8, 2024

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# NRPC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

## Meeting Notes from Thursday November 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format- Physical Location: Hampton Inn, St. Albans, VT 05478

### 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	
Georgia	Suzanna Brown	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	X	Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford		South Hero	Bob Buermann	X	St. Albans City	Vacant	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)		Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	O	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:** Senator Irene Wrenner, Representative Ashley Bartley, Representative Matt Walker, Kyle Grenier (NRPC), Bethany Remmers (NRPC), in person.

Representative Lisa Hango, Representative James Gregiore, Dean Pierce (NRPC), Marlana Valenta (NRPC), Luke Slomba (NRPC), Matthew Arancio (VTrans), online.

X = In person

O = Online

Chair, Harold Garrett and Vice Chair Peter Magnant were not present at 6:40pm, when the discussion began.

K. Grenier explained that Chair H. Garrett planned to join at or near 7pm. and that V. Chair Pete Magnant was unavailable.

K. Grenier led the group through introductions.

B. Buermann suggested that the Senator and Representatives start by sharing their priorities and constituent feedback as it pertains to transportation topics.

Many comments provided by the legislators aligned with topics previously identified by the TAC.

K. Grenier led the group through the topics identified by the TAC:

Topics for discussion:

- Discussion surrounding Electric Vehicles (EV)
  - What are some priorities for EV infrastructure on a regional and statewide scale?
  - Are there budgetary concerns for fewer gasoline tax dollars statewide?
- Review project priorities as outlined in the current Regional Plan
  - What priorities and concerns are the legislators hearing about?

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- Speed & Safety concerns throughout the region
    - Do the legislators know about the VT 105 RSAR? How does this information impact decisions that are being made at the statehouse?
    - Work zone speeding and safety concerns and enforcement.
    - Bike/Ped safety & infrastructure standards – how are these being factored into reconstructions and safety laws for the protection of all roadway users?
    - Size of new, larger agriculture vehicles and the long distances they are traveling as farms become sprawl further across communities and municipalities.
    - Difficulties facing municipal road crews to hire and retain skilled labor.
    - Difficulties facing municipal road crews with limited ability and high cost to stripe newly and repaved roads.
  - Public Transit
    - Microtransit pilot with GMT opportunities.
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42 At approximately 8:05pm the discussion with legislators ended.

43 There were not enough TAC members present at that time to reach a quorum to hold the scheduled TAC meeting.

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45 K. Grenier informed the remaining group that the next meeting would be held on January 11, 2024.

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