



MEETING MINUTES:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

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

Thursday April 9, 2026 – 6:00PM

Hybrid Meeting Format: in person and remote

Attendance

Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present
Alburgh Town	Vacant		Alburgh Village	Jason Beaulac		Bakersfield	Vacant	
Enosburg Falls	John Dasaro		Enosburgh Town	Joey Clark		Fairfax	Corey Vincelette	O
Fairfield	Dr. Lynda Ulrich Cathy Ainsworth (alt)		Fletcher	Matt Gillian		Franklin	Yvon Dandurand	O
Georgia	Suzanna Brown	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	O	Highgate	Vacant	
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Vacant		South Hero	Bob Buermann	X	St. Albans City	Vacant	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)		Swanton Town	Earl Fournier	X	Swanton Village	Heidi Britch-Valenta Bill Sheets (alt)	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) in person. Jackie Cassino (VTrans) online.

X = In person

O = Online

Vice Chair, Bob Buermann called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Chair, Barclay Morris arrived at 6:06PM. Vice Chair turned the meeting over to the Chair.

● Adjustments to the Agenda

Order of items was adjusted to allow for Jackie Cassino's schedule needs.

● Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks

Corey Vincelette, new Town of Fairfax representative was welcomed. Vincelette currently serves at the Town of Fairfax Highway Director of Public Works.

● Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was made.

- 28 ● **Non-Municipal TAC Membership discussion:** Kyle Grenier
29 Public transit representation and other transportation related group seat vacancies.
30 Members discussed opportunities for adjusting the non-municipal TAC member seats to more accurately
31 reflect current organizations. MVRT seat will be changed to Rail Trail seat, public transit provider will be
32 changed from Green Mountain Transit (GMT) to Rural Community Transportation (RCT).
33 B. Buermann motioned to change the TAC public transit member from GMT to RCT. E. Fournier seconded. The
34 motion carried.
35 Further discussion to reach out to the Franklin County State Airport and Rail service to inquire about new
36 membership and information/tour opportunities.
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- 38 ● **Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail (MVRT) Management Plan Update:** Jackie Cassino (VTrans)
39 J. Cassino gave an overview of the current status of the Vermont Rail Trail system, including highlights about
40 the current MVRT extension project and others in the northwest area. Cassino gave a brief overview of the
41 MVRT Management plan, which is expected to be adopted later this spring. Special mention was made of the
42 years of commitment NRPC made to the MVRT and how that laid the groundwork for the state’s other trails:
43 LVRT, DHRT, and BSRT. Cassino also explained how the NRPC and other RPCs, and the various trail councils are
44 essential for carrying out the work needed to keep the trails maintained and running smoothly.
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- 46 ● **Non-Metropolitan Local Official Involvement Policy Summary:** Matthew Arancio (VTrans)
47 M. Arancio gave the committee a brief overview of Federal Title 23, which establishes the framework for
48 federal funding and support for highway construction and maintenance and its importance to Vermont.
49 Currently, VTrans is making updates to documents related Subpart B which includes language related to
50 Statewide and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming. The Vermont Transportation
51 Planning Initiative (TPI), including the role of the TAC helps to ensure that Vermont is meeting several of the
52 requirements outlined in Title 23, Subpart B. The TAC will receive an emailed copy of the proposed updates
53 and is welcome to make comments.
54 TAC members discussed opportunities for project prioritization related to the Statewide Transportation
55 Improvement Plan and continued to underscore the inability to recommend projects during the continued
56 pause of the Vermont Project Selection and Project Prioritization (VPSP2) process. Members also encouraged
57 more opportunity within the VTrans processes to re-examine priorities if/when locals believe that a regional
58 priority isn’t being given enough consideration.
59 Arancio encouraged the TAC to continue to maintain a list of regional priorities and continue to communicate
60 emerging or emergency concerns via the VTrans Planning team.
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- 62 ● **Minutes of the March 12, 2026 Meeting**
63 B. Buermann motioned to approve the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes as printed. E. Fournier seconded. The
64 motion carried.
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- 66 ● **TAC Member and Staff Updates**
67 None
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- 69 ● **Other Business**
70 Next meeting: May 14, 2026
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- 72 E. Fournier motioned to adjourn the meeting. S. Brown seconded. The motion carried. The meeting
73 adjourned at 7:37PM