

GMTA TDP Stakeholder Meeting #3

Date: May 25, 2011

Time: 3:30 pm

Place: Montpelier City Hall

Present:

CCTA/GMTA Staff and Consultants

- David Armstrong, CCTA (darmstrong@cctaride.org)
- Tawnya Kristen, GMTA (tkristen@gmtaride.org)
- Steve Falbel, Steadman Hill Consulting (smf@steadmanhill.com)

Stakeholders

- Steve Gladczuk, Central VT Regional Planning Commission (gladczuk@cvregion.com)
- Susan Russell, Central VT Council on Aging (srussell@cvcoa.org)
- David Ellenbogen, VT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition (pianomath@gmail.com)
- Sharon Habel, VT Department of Labor (Sharon.habel@state.vt.us)
- Barbara Bendix, The Health Center at Plainfield (rrrbb@aol.com)
- Chris Meehan, VT Foodbank (cmeehan@vtfoodbank.org)

Mr. Armstrong began by reiterating the TDP purpose and timeline and introduced Steve Falbel, who narrated a Powerpoint presentation, “*Service Strategies*”, highlighting TDP Stakeholder and Public comments/suggestions/ideas. The public will have a chance to view the same presentation and voice their comments, and their input will be incorporated into the TDP’s final version. The GMTA Board will then weigh in to finalize “Phase I” of the TDP and its conclusions.

Stakeholder comments:

- Amenities for bicyclists are lacking
 - Insufficient capacity on buses, lack of bike racks and “lockers” at stops
 - Can racks go on back of bus
 - GMTA staff responded that this presents too great a safety concern to implement
- Facilities
 - GMTA lacks adequate bus storage and maintenance facility for its Mad Bus operations (seasonal)
- Additional service
 - Direct route from Warren to Barre (seasonal)
 - GMTA staff and Consultant felt this is unlikely
 - Suggestion moved toward timing transfers between a shorter route (Warren to Montpelier) and the existing City Commuter route (Montpelier to Barre)
 - Service to southern Barre – Websterville, Graniteville



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- Commuter service as well as E&D or other special needs routes
 - VT State P&R, Highgate and Green Acres, Wilson Industrial Park, Barre Town School, VT Butter & Cheese Creamery, SB Electronics
- Suggested using Survey Monkey to gather additional TDP input from general public
 - GTMA created the survey, it can be found at:
 - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GMTA>

