

## **GMTA Lamoille County TDP Stakeholder Meeting #2**

Date: October 20, 2011

Time: 10:30am

Place: Morrisville Town Offices

Present:

### GMTA/CCTA Staff and Consultants

- David Armstrong, GMTA/CCTA Transit Planner ([darmstrong@cctaride.org](mailto:darmstrong@cctaride.org))
- Tawnya Kristen, GMTA Community Relations Manager ([tkristen@gmtaride.org](mailto:tkristen@gmtaride.org))
- Steve Falbel, Steadman Hill Consulting ([smf@steadmanhill.com](mailto:smf@steadmanhill.com))

### Stakeholders

- Christie Skarie, VT Vocational Rehab ([Christie.skarie@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:Christie.skarie@ahs.state.vt.us))
- John Mandeville, Lamoille Economic Development Corp ([john@lamoilleeconomy.org](mailto:john@lamoilleeconomy.org))
- Mary Grant, Rural Community Transportation ([rct@kingcon.com](mailto:rct@kingcon.com))
- Bonnie Waninger, Lamoille County Planning Commission ([bonnie@lcpvt.org](mailto:bonnie@lcpvt.org))
- Cindy Locke, Lamoille Valley Chamber of Commerce ([cindy@lamoillevalleychaber.com](mailto:cindy@lamoillevalleychaber.com))

Mr. Armstrong began by introducing staff and reiterated a brief outline of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) process: Stakeholder meeting(s) will be followed by a public hearing, GMTA will write the Plan with direct Stakeholder and public oversight and finally the GMTA Board will approve the Plan. The TDP is the cornerstone document that GMTA will use to guide its growth, change and improvement over the next 5-10 years.

Mr. Falbel continued the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation outlining GMTA's "vision and strategies" for improvements to current and future services, areas served and technologies. During the presentation, Stakeholders were encouraged to offer their opinions, questions or general commentary.

### Questions/Commentary

- Greatest impediment to system growth is lack of knowledge
  - CCTA and RCT have started Youtube.com videos
  - GMTA has conducted "training rides" with supervisors with positive feedback
  - RCT has grant money to conduct training/outreach on "how to ride"
    - Can team up with GMTA
  - Concerted "How to Ride" campaign
  - Utilize Front Porch Forum for outreach efforts
- Commuter and local routes serving Johnson
  - Park & Ride facilities in/around Johnson? (closest is at Hyde Park)
  - Serve Park & Rides associated with rail trail

## *Getting you where you need to go!*

- Service between Johnson (Town and College) and Smugglers Notch Ski Area (employment/recreation)
  - Mary Grant (RCT) suggested this route has been tried with little success
- Coordinate commuter routes between Morrisville, Hyde Park and Johnson with CCTA's potential-future Cambridge-Burlington route
- Year-round service along Stowe Mountain Road (Rt. 108)
  - Large increase in summer traffic due to tourism over the last several years
  - Year-round service to Shaws, just north of Stowe, (Rt. 100)
    - locals and itinerant resort employee use
- Weekend service needed on Morrisville Loop and Shopper
- Attempt to involve employers with route design process
  - Routes designed around punch-in/punch-out times more effective
  - Or employees could utilize flexible schedules to afford access to routes

