

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

Meeting Notes of April 18, 2012

No quorum was present, so an informal meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at SWCRPC in Ascutney, VT, at 7:00pm.

Attendance – TAC members present: Sharon Bixby (Vice Chair), Ludlow; Kristi Morris, Springfield; Mary Habig, CRT.

Others present: Jason Rasmussen and Katharine Otto, SWCRPC.

Update on Public Transit in the Region

Mary Habig from Connecticut River Transit gave an update on public transit in the region:

- Major changes in Medicaid reimbursement is taking a lot of time to negotiate and navigate

The main points of the upcoming transit application which is due to VTrans on April 30th:

- Requesting level funding for SWC commuter routes
- Requesting additional funds for new Ludlow bus to pick up E&D (elderly and persons with disabilities) clients – the demand for volunteer trips has increased so it makes sense
- Requesting additional funding to implement Brattleboro Beeline operation changes
- May be requesting additional funds to do a stop at the new Hypertherm location in the Upper Valley – but that depends on whether it is likely to be funded.
- Proposing a new JARC route to Hinsdale, NH, from Brattleboro

The RPC agreed to write a letter of support for CRT based on the information given by Mary.

Way To Go Week – May 14th-18th

The Way To Go Commuter Challenge is back for 2012 on the week of May 14th – 18th. Katharine gave a brief summary of efforts so far. Have been doing outreach to some businesses – including the Mt Ascutney Hospital Sustainability Committee. Due to be placing advertisements in Valley News, Message of the Week and Springfield Reporter. There has already been an article in the News Review written by Weathersfield's Energy Coordinator Julia Lloyd Wright.

Regional Transportation Network Needs and Priorities for Regional Transportation Plan Update

The committee continued to identify project needs and recommendations for our major travel corridors for the Regional Transportation Plan Update. This map can be viewed at

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=204794083331047901328.0004b7e8f045708cac52e>.

The TAC discussed VT-100 and the Springfield portions of VT-11 and VT-10.

Next meeting: May 16, 2012

Meeting finished about 8:40 pm