

Montpelier Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting 6-8:30pm Draft Minutes  
Complete Streets Steering Committee 6-7:25pm  
Sept 13, 2016  
City Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Jessica Neary, John Snell, Jennifer Gordon, Mark Provost, Mike Miller, Anthony Mennona, Dan Costin, Chris Loyer, Dona Bate, Jackie Cassino, Heather Voisin, Dan Jones, Corey Line, Rebecca Harris

1. Dona called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. John makes a motion to modify the agenda to include the one presented by Alta for the Complete Streets portion of the meeting. Chris makes motion to second. All in favor.
3. Public Comment: Jessica Neary proposed a Bike Safety Ride event to be led by police officer Phil Brick. The ride could be scheduled for a Sunday morning and include safety instructions as well as explain the purpose of the painted sharerows.  
Dona invited the Alta team -Tom & Daniel to facilitate the Complete Streets steering committee meeting.
4. Daniel reviewed the need for data collection from city staff and various transportation committees. They were referred to the Montpelier in Motion Plan. They asked attendees to write down five words to describe their vision and goals for this project. They posted ideas from attendees and shared previously written statements on visions and goals.
5. Tom presented an ideal tool-kit which included street typologies such as street level separated bike lanes, median separated bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, share rows, green infrastructure, flush medians, crossing island, landscaped medians, wide sidewalk, bio swales, angled parking with trees and dedicated bus and bike lanes.
  - Tom and Daniel asked committee members for their concerns and ideas regarding street typologies. Committee concerns included Montpelier's aging infrastructure, a lack of N-S/E-W non-motorized corridors, narrow streets, and the fact the majority of our streets are non-urban and do not fit presented street typologies. Committee members aspire to create street typologies that will enhance the value of neighborhoods, create safe, calm & friendly streets. In addition, members hope to increase bus ridership and reduce cars.Previous MTAC meeting discussed upcoming paving projects on Northfield and route 12. Corey will give information to Alta consultants.
6. Alta laid city maps on table for attendees to mark Montpelier's street assets and challenges.
7. Alta consultants reviewed meeting schedule--- we will plan to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues at 6pm and then again in 2-3 months.

At 7:28pm Dona officially opens MTAC meeting.

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The agenda was already accepted and there were no public comments offered.  
Motion to accept prior meeting minutes: Dan C motions to accept. Dan J seconded and motion passed.

Tom recommended a Transportation Committee that would create a cohesive body and bring different modes together to find common goal. Subcommittees would advocate and work on specific mode projects: bike, pedestrian, parking, etc. Alta left meeting.

Dona asked group to decide what it wanted to be and if it wanted to make a recommendation to City Council on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

She asked if everyone has seen the Bike-Ped proposal sent to city council for its Sept 14<sup>th</sup> agenda. Dona shared that the Bike-Ped proposal was for two Bike-Ped Committees. "Create two separate Bike-Ped committees: one infrastructure committee and one events committee. Staff from the Departments of Public Works and Planning will attend infrastructure meetings. Each committee will have approximately 8 members. The Montpelier Transportation Advisory Committee will be dissolved. "

John and Jenn discuss bicycle/pedestrian's proposal for two separate committees--one events and one technical infrastructure committee. Many were concerned that energy and parking were missing.

Dan J raises concern that events arise out of infrastructure proposals and didn't need to be a full standing committee. John states need of separate committee for transportation education and events – need capacity and full time members for events.

Kevin felt business interests would become more involved when there is a project such as complete streets going on, and parking is a concern for businesses.

Kevin suggested that one transportation committee is cohesive, will make the difficult decisions and bring one voice to city council. There can be subcommittees for events and other interests not related to policy and infrastructure. We want representatives that have interests in bike, ped, green infrastructure, conservation, energy, business, and parking. Proposes that working events group will not need city council approval and can have outside volunteers.

MTAC proposes two separate core transportation committees.

A Transportation Committee that will deal with infrastructure and policy. It will take into account bike, pedestrian, transit, energy, conservation, business and parking interests. Planning, Public Works and City Councilor will participate in this committee.

An Events and Education Committee will deal with public outreach to support the interests of account bike, pedestrian, transit, energy, conservation, business and parking interests.

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We suggest 8-10 members for each committee.

The motion passed with Dan C and Dan J voting no. Dan C explained that he was very concerned that the MTAC was never talked to about the Bike-Ped Committee proposal to disband the MTAC before Bike-Ped made their proposal to city council.

Some discussion about whether to plan next meeting since we don't know what will happen on Sept 21 Council meeting. Dan C proposed that we continue until told otherwise. Six of the seven attending MTAC members said they plan to continue. Anthony stated that we'll continue our good work no matter the committee's name.

Hence, next meeting was set for Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Manager's Conference Room.