

Bennington Region TAC mtg  
6/30/2021 at 3pm

Attendees:

Mark Anders (BCRC), Katharine Otto (VTrans), Fredericka, Cuenca (N. Bennington), Nick Zaiac

Minutes:

1. Welcome
2. Meetings: group decided to meet every other month instead of every month
3. VPSP2 project prioritization
  - Mark: This round of VPSP2 is done.
  - Katharine: Next round will be in the spring and will be state highway bridge projects
4. EV charging infrastructure:
  - Mark – Dan Ducher from VTrans will be at our August meeting to discuss charging station rollout
5. Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI)
6. Mark summarized TCI and asked the TAC if it would be willing to take a position to support it, which could be submitted as a comment to the Climate Action Plan which must be submitted per the Global Warming Solutions Act. The TAC position could also be made known to the region's legislative delegation.
7. Nick: TCI likely to have a negligible effect and could take the wind out of the sails of efforts to raise the gas tax so best to not support it.
8. Fredericka: asked about equity – how TCI would affect disadvantaged communities
9. Mark: equity was a concern voiced at public meeting and TCI organizers have addressed it. The status quo harms disadvantaged communities which have higher rates of asthma and other health problems related to air pollution.
10. Katharine: VTrans is hiring a sustainability coordinator who could be part of the August meeting.