

**Chittenden County E&D Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:** Kathryn Titus (Cathedral Square), Leah Soderquist (United Way), Cari Kelley (United Way), Jordan Posner (GMT), Chris Damiani (GMT), Adam Lawrence (SSTA), Leah Soderquist (United Way), Erin Dickinson (Williston), Erica Marks (AgeWell).

**1. Introductions**

Jordan Posner welcomed partners to the quarterly meeting. Brief introductions were then made.

**2. GMT Updates**

Jordan shared some overview remarks for new members of the Chittenden County E&D Committee. Jordan then outlined how the 20% local match would be returning to the E&D program beginning with March trips. The State had been using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover match, but those have now been expended. The program is now over budget through March, signaling a return to pre-pandemic demand.

Jordan then announced his departure from GMT after a decade with the transit provider. Chris Damiani will serve as the interim GMT lead for the E&D program while a transition plan is developed. Jordan will be moving on to lead CIDER.

**3. SSTA Updates**

Adam Lawrence highlighted that ridership has returned to 80-85% of 2019 levels for the E&D program. He outlined how costs are rising, particularly with gas prices. SSTA is working diligently to control costs and to keep expenses as low as possible for the program.

Jordan asked Adam about volunteer drivers within the context of higher gas prices. Adam said that there is a small group of volunteers still willing to drive, but nowhere near pre-pandemic levels. SSTA will continue to work with volunteers on retainment and recruitment challenges.

**4. E&D Transportation Summit**

Jordan provided an overview of the upcoming Summit. The CCRPC is working with VTrans to plan for the 3rd Annual E&D Transportation Summit, which will be an in-person event hosted at the Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain. This will take place on Friday, June 3rd from 10 AM – 3 PM, with lunch, snacks and refreshments served. More details will be forthcoming.

There was a brief discussion on the development of mobility committees and the transition specifically in Chittenden County. Chris Damiani outlined microtransit pilot transition in Montpelier.

**5. Other Updates**

Jordan provided a brief overview of the E&D, ADA & Medicaid Call Center Consolidation Study, which is being led by CCRPC and is projected to be completed by April.



Prior to the meeting being adjourned, Jordan expressed his enjoyment of working with the Chittenden County E&D Committee over the years. The Committee congratulated Jordan on his new position with CIDER.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8th (Tentative as E&D Summit planned for 6/3)**