



## Chittenden County O&D Advisory Committee Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Meeting Minutes

**Participants:** Marshall Distel (CCRPC), Adam Lawrence (SSTA), Chris Damiani (GMT), Tim Bradshaw (GMT), Erica Marks (Age Well), Kathrynn Titus (Cathedral Square), Melinda Scott (Williston), Cari Kelley (VT Rehabilitation Council), Jonathon Weber (Local Motion), Christina Erickson (Local Motion), Daniel Currier (VTrans).

### 1. Introductions

Marshall Distel welcomed partners to the quarterly meeting.

### 2. Local Motion Presentation

Jonathon Weber and Christina Erickson joined the committee this month to provide an overview of Local Motion's work to enhance mobility and make it safe and accessible for those who walk, bike and roll in Vermont.

After a brief overview of Local Motion, Jonathon kicked off a presentation that highlighted Local Motion's Complete Streets Program. The presentation began with a discussion of safety for vulnerable roadway users and then moved on to outline Local Motion's technical assistance program, which supports local communities in making safer places for walking, biking and rolling.

Jonathon highlighted the Safe System Approach from FHWA with the goal of prioritizing the elimination of crashes that result in death and serious injuries. Jonathon described transportation safety through a series of graphics emphasizing differences between downtown streets, roads, suburban streets and urban roads. Street design, shared space environments and key transportation planning concepts were also discussed.

The core of Local Motion's technical assistance program is focused on supporting local walk/bike committees. These are often volunteer groups that typically do not have training or a background in transportation planning. Local Motion provides staff support, resources and planning input to help these groups be more effective in their communities.

Local Motion also engages in regional planning initiatives, such as the I-89 study. When projects get into the design phase, Local Motion offers design review support. Community walk/bike surveys, local policy work, bike parking assistance, pop-up demonstration projects and e-bike lending and demos are examples of other initiatives and support that Local Motion provides.

Christina outlined some other partnerships with AARP and Vermont Adaptive that are relevant for the O&D Committee to hear about.

Melinda Scott asked about pop-up demonstration projects on state highways. Jonathon described a couple of attempts to do some pop-up demonstrations on state highways that proved to be very challenging. Unfortunately, the process to establish a pop-up demonstration on a state route would take nearly as long as it would to simply make the permanent improvement.

If folks are looking for help or are facing an issue with walking, biking or rolling, O&D Committee members are encouraged to use Local Motion as a resource.



### 3. GMT Updates

Chris Damiani conveyed that the GMT Board adopted the final fare plan policy for the resumption of fares on March 6, 2024. There will be many in-person events in the coming months about the fare resumption. Chris also mentioned the revival of the travel training program which will coming back in 2024. For more information on the resumption of fares, see below:

<https://ridegmt.com/gmt-fares/>

<https://ridegmt.com/fare-resumption/>

### 4. SSTA Updates

Adam Lawrence shared an overview of the O&D budget on behalf of Nick Foss from GMT. The budget is in good shape with no real issues to note.

Erica Marks asked about shifting funding from one partner to another if needed. Adam responded by saying if there are any challenging overages, there could be some budget shifting. A 5% to 10% deviation is not too much of a concern.

Dan Currier replied that VTrans has already expended much of the O&D budget for this fiscal year, so it's going to be a tighter year than usual compared to the last few years. Partners are encouraged to be conservative in their spending through the end of the fiscal year.

### 5. Other E&D Partner Items

Marshall noted that he will be participating in a kick-off meeting for the next O&D rider feedback survey. He will share updates with the committee as they are received.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 10:45am

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th**