



TOWN OF BURLINGTON  
Transportation Study Committee (TSC) Minutes  
February 10, 2021

**Call the Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm via Webex

**Voting Members Present:** Millie Nash (MN), Jen Gelinis (JG), David VanCamp (DVC), Patricia O'Brien (POB), Eileen Sickler (ES), Myrna Saltman (MS)

**Non-Voting Members Present:** John Strauss (JS), Deputy Chief Tom Browne (DCTB) – left at 7:41

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**1. Guest Comments/Observations**

- DCTB noted there were approximately half the number of crashes in the year 2020 vs 2019 which he attributed primarily to COVID effect of less traffic
  - ES asked about effectiveness of traffic calmers for which he believes are not that effective in controlling speed
  - There are three grant writers in the police department
  - PO asked about pedestrian accidents and he noted these occurred primarily in retail areas. DCTB will get back to the committee about the number of pedestrian-involved crashes they responded to over the past 2 years
  - PO asked about his opinion of bicycle safety and he responded “I wouldn’t ride a bike anywhere”
  - MS inquired about the congestion caused by MSMS buses and drop-offs and why the entrances and exits were flipped. DCTB will ask if there was police input – and why the pattern flows the way it does.
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**2. General Discussion**

- JG updated us with the various departments and media outlets where the questionnaire had been posted or where it is expected to be posted
  - DVC mentioned we need to think about and define “transportation” in our final report. He also mentioned the term “locally controlled transportation” as a differentiator of public transportation ala MBTA vs. the COA van, for instance
  - We discussed the BOS meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> and the consensus was disappointment with the lack of a robust presentation or discussion about the Lyft program
  - After discussion we agreed that Bob Cunha, Director of Operations for the schools would be a good guest to interview. ES agreed to invite Mr. Cunha to our meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Additionally, we agreed representation from the Veterans Services and Disability Commission were important to our discussion. MN agreed to invite them to our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting
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**3. Assignment**

- ES will ask Bob Cunha and MN to ask department heads from Veteran Services and Disability Commission to subsequent meetings
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**4. Next Meeting Date/Time**

- Next meeting date is Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7 pm via Webex



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*Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Sickler, Recording Secretary*

**Approved:** Unanimously, February 24, 2021