

Mobility Innovation Working Group

Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2020, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Attendees: Nicole Verdi (Governor's Office), Katja Hamler (Governor's Office), Colleen Quinn (Governor's Office), Pam Cotter (Department of Transportation), Linda George (Division of Public Utilities and Carriers), Meredith Brady (Division of Statewide Planning), Carmen Diaz-Jusino (BankNewport), Peter Rothstein (Northeast Clean Energy Council), Julia Rege (Alliance for Automotive Innovation), Joe Masino (Governor's Office), Chris Waterson (Waterson Terminal Services LLC), Matt Taibi (Teamsters Local 251), Ashley Brown (Spin), John Flaherty (Grow Smart RI), Meghan McGuinness (National Grid), Lloyd Albert (AAA Northeast), Josh Brumberger (Utilidata, Inc.), Rachel Calabro (Department of Health), Nicholas Ucci (Office of Energy Resources), Hank Webster (Acadia Center), Jennifer Slattery (Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns), John McCoy (Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance), Scott Avedisian (Rhode Island Public Transit Authority), Eric Weis (Cogent consultant team), Holly Parker (Less Road Travelled consultant team), Veronica Siranosian (AECOM consultant team), Andrew Bui (AECOM consultant team), Fatima Cecunjanin (AECOM consultant team), Kevin Tedesco (AECOM consultant team), Jay Duncan (AECOM consultant team), Stephen Gazillo (AECOM consultant team), Christian Nielsen (AECOM consultant team), Allie Velleca (AECOM consultant team)

- 1) Welcome and logistics: Katja Hamler, Policy Advisor in the Office of Governor Gina M. Raimondo, welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the Mobility Innovation Working Group.
 - a) Comments and questions: Members of the public were asked to use the chat feature when providing questions or comments throughout the meeting. If any members of the public have further questions or comments, they can contact Katja at katja.hamler@governor.ri.gov.
- 2) Jay Duncan (AECOM) outlined the meeting agenda and introduced Chris Porter.
- 3) Chris Porter (Cambridge Systematics) gave an overview of the approach Cambridge Systematics will take in the analysis of potential investments. He also discussed the possible investment strategies, supporting policies and the potential impacts of each.
 - a) Andrew Bui (AECOM) discussed the current state of the EV Market – including a graph showing Providence as one of the top 50 cities for electric vehicle share of new vehicle sales.
 - b) Chris Porter continued by explaining options for reduced vehicle travel and improved mobility. He then highlighted some of the strategies and policies that best promote equitable outcomes and economic benefits.
 - c) Veronica Siranosian (AECOM) discussed local and national initiatives that reduce vehicle travel and improve mobility – including the national trend of increased use of shared bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters, and their value relative to equity.
- 4) Chris Porter and Jay Duncan moderated a discussion based on a series of four discussion questions:
 - a) Which strategies would you like to hear more about?

- b) Based on what you have heard today, what are your top three priorities?
 - c) Which three strategies do you think best achieve healthy communities?
 - d) Which three strategies do you think best achieve economic development?
- 5) Chris Porter asked the Working Group to consider the following policy discussion questions:
 - a) Are there any supporting policies that are missing and should be added for consideration?
 - b) Which supporting policies are most valuable?
 - c) Are there any that are less valuable for Rhode Island?
 - 6) Chris Porter then introduced supporting policies for vehicle travel reduction and mobility and asked for comments on the policies that support transit, non-motorized, and shared mobility.
 - 7) Chris Porter continued the discussion by sharing land use, travel demand management, and pricing strategies. He briefly described investment portfolios – including the question of how much money from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program can/should be invested in various strategies. The strategies must support each other. He went on to explain the portfolio development process.
 - 8) Colleen Quinn, Chair of the Mobility Innovation Working Group, gave an overview of the recommendation process – explaining that the recommendations to the Governor will be modeled around the mission and guiding principles of the Working Group.
 - a) The Working Group members will provide their own recommendations through a template and guidance document that will be circulated to Working Group members. The deadline for input from the Working Group is October 26th and the recommendations will be presented at the November 5th meeting.
 - 9) Katja Hamler announced a Public Input Meeting on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Public notice for this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State’s website. To request an opportunity to provide comment, contact colleenquin@gmail.com and katja.hamler@governor.ri.gov.
 - 10) Jay Duncan wrapped up the meeting by providing next steps for the project – which include the public meeting on October 22nd, the November 5th Working Group Meeting to discuss recommendations, and the November 19th meeting on the Implementation and Action Plan – culminating with a final report to the Governor.
 - 11) Katja Hamler stated that presentation materials would be posted on the Mobility Innovation webpage on the climate change website.