

Mobility Innovation Working Group

Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Attendees: Katja Hamler (Governor's Office), Colleen Quinn (Governor's Office), Nicole Verdi (Governor's Office), Kevin Tedesco (AECOM consultant team), Hank Webster (Acadia Center), Ashley Brown (Spin), Carmen Diaz-Jusino (Bank Newport), Jakob Frenette (City of Providence), Janet Coit (Department of Environmental Management), Jay Duncan (AECOM consultant team), Jennifer Slattery (Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns), John McCoy (Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance), Josh Brumberger (Utilidata, Inc.), Julia Rege (Alliance for Automotive Innovation), Leo Wold (Division of Public Utilities and Carriers), Lloyd Albert (AAA Northeast), Matt Taibi (Teamsters 251), Meghan McGuinness (National Grid), Meredith Brady (Division of Statewide Planning), Nick Ucci (Office of Energy Resources), Pamela Cotter (Rhode Island Department of Transportation), Peter Rothstein (Northeast Clean Energy Council), Rachel Calabro (Department of Health), Scott Avedisian (Rhode Island Public Transit Authority), Terry Gray (Department of Environmental Management), and John Flaherty (Grow Smart RI)

- 1) Welcome and Logistics: Katja Hamler welcomed everyone to the presentation of the Clean Transportation and Mobility Innovation Report ("Report") and noted that the Report is live on the Mobility Innovation Working Group webpage on the Climate Change RI website. She then introduced Nicole Verdi to provide opening remarks.
- 2) Nicole Verdi thanked the Working Group members for the time and effort they put into this process and the resulting Report, which sets Rhode Island up for success in the clean mobility and transportation sector.
- 3) Colleen Quinn summarized the deliberative process of the Mobility Innovation Working Group. She highlighted the 26 individuals that informed the process and emphasized their diverse perspectives and experiences. In addition to the Working Group members, 6 public meetings, 4 expert presentations, and 20 members of the public provided public comment and input, leading to 24 recommendations and 30 initial action steps in the Report.
- 4) Katja Hamler reviewed the sections of the Report. The sections include:
 - a. *Section 1: Facts, Trends and Issues*
 - b. *Section 2: Rhode Island Mobility Audit and Peer State Inventory*
 - c. *Section 3: Illustrative Investment Portfolios*
 - d. *Section 4: Recommendations and Initial Action Steps*
- 5) Katja Hamler discussed Section 1 which summarizes the data, advantages and national trends that explain the challenges and opportunities related to transforming the transportation sector in Rhode Island.
- 6) Colleen Quinn discussed Section 2 and the Mobility Audit findings. The Audit found that Rhode Island has engaged in numerous clean transportation initiatives, which provide a

strong basis to build on. She also discussed the key Audit findings and noted that the full Audit can be found in the Appendix of the Report.

- 7) Katja Hamler discussed Section 3, which covered three illustrative investment portfolios, each with a different emphasis and set of benefits.
- 8) Colleen Quinn discussed Section 4, summarizing the Working Group's recommendations. Equity and reducing greenhouse gas emissions are goals that live throughout the categories, which are:
 - a. *Create a healthier environment for all Rhode Islanders with specific benefits for residents of our most overburdened and underserved communities*
 - b. *Establish Rhode Island as a national leader in bold transportation and climate commitments*
 - c. *Modernize, expand and invest in state transit and transportation assets to effectively move more people and improve accessibility*
 - d. *Improve air quality by taking steps to electrify the transportation sector*
 - e. *Create a 21st century mobility infrastructure that capitalizes on the emerging changes in transportation technology*
 - f. *Unlock economic opportunity, promote green job creation and support business and supply chain industries*
- 9) Katja Hamler summarized the recommendations included in the first category: Create a healthier environment for all Rhode Islanders with specific benefits for residents of our most overburdened and underserved communities.
- 10) Terry Gray discussed the second category of recommendations: Establish Rhode Island as a national leader in bold transportation and climate commitments.
- 11) Meredith Brady discussed the third category of recommendations: Modernize, expand and invest in state transit and transportation assets to effectively move more people and improve accessibility.
- 12) Pamela Cotter discussed the fourth category of recommendations: Improve air quality by taking steps to electrify the transportation sector.
- 13) Colleen Quinn discussed the fifth category of recommendations: Create a 21st century mobility infrastructure that capitalizes on the emerging changes in transportation technology.
- 14) Katja Hamler discussed the final category of recommendations: Unlock economic opportunity, promote green job creation and support business and supply chain industries.
- 15) Closing Remarks: Colleen Quinn thanked everyone for their time and effort and encouraged everyone to read the Report.