



Burlington Town Meeting Transportation Committee

The committee was created by the Moderator in response to warrant article approved in January 2020. We started working in June 2020 and have met bi-weekly since.

Committee members

Millie Nash (Chair)	TMM Precinct 3
Jennifer Gelin	Admin
Patricia O'Brien	TMM Precinct 2
Myrna Saltman	TMM Precinct 2
Eileen Sickler	TMM Precinct 4
John Strauss	Resident
Dave Van Camp	TMM Precinct 7

Committee Charter

The Town Meeting Transportation Committee will assess public and private transportation demand and proposed options available to Burlington residents and others who travel to, from, and within Burlington.



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Where things stand today

All local public transit options in Burlington, including the Lyft rideshare program, expire on July 1, 2021.

Many studies have been done over the years. However, few actions have been taken.

Burlington has not been speaking regularly with regional transportation advocates.

Town government's role in public transit is unclear.

Transportation page was added to town web site recently (Dec 2020).

Challenges

Demand for local transit within Burlington is not well-defined. Covid-19 adds more uncertainty.

Burlington is geographically scattered. This complicates transit issues.

Burlington has no one dedicated to local transportation issues.

Financial support is missing or shrinking.



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Final committee report to be ready for May 2021 Town Meeting.

Our next steps before May

Publish a web questionnaire to get public input.

Request further input from the town administration and committees.

Consult and benchmark with nearby towns, regional transit systems, and transportation advocates.

Interim recommendation

We believe that Burlington should commit to extend the rideshare program through FY2022.