

Event: Oct 4, 2018, 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Event: Transportation Is Changing – Make It Work For You

Where: Central Vermont Medical Center – Conference Room 1

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The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), in partnership with the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA), Barre Project Independence, VT Agency of Transportation, and Green Mountain Transit (GMT) are holding a forum to explore how a Paratransit System should operate in the Barre-Montpelier area.

Paratransit is for persons who are unable to use the fixed route bus system due to a disability. These services are provided within three-quarters of a mile on either side of the fixed route bus service, during the operating hours of the fixed route.

If you are an older adult, person with disabilities, or a caregiver to someone who is an older adult or person with disabilities, we want to hear from you.

Currently, GMT uses deviated fixed route service to accommodate people with disabilities. GMT's plan is to switch from deviated fixed routes to a separate paratransit service for users that qualify.

Peter Johnke, Deputy Director at VCIL, said, "We were excited to partner with CVRPC on this project because it gives people with disabilities a voice in the planning process, concerning changes in transportation that will affect them."

"Many older adults in the Barre-Montpelier area rely on GMT to get them to medical appointments and elsewhere. Their concerns need to be heard and addressed whenever there are any changes to the system and service delivery," stated Jeanne Kern, CVCOA Director of Community & Volunteer Services.

CVRPC received an Inclusive Transportation Planning Framework Grant. "Although this grant is focused on more inclusive transportation planning, we hope to learn from this, so that all of CVRPC projects are more inclusive", said Daniel Currier, Transportation Manager for CVRPC.

Please come to this meeting to learn how to get involved. The meeting will be on Thursday, October 4th, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm at Central Vermont Medical Center, Conference Room 1, 130 Fisher Road, Berlin, VT. For any questions, please contact Dan Currier @ CVRPC - 802-229-0389 | [currier@cvregion.com](mailto:currier@cvregion.com)