

Date: June 22, 2016
To: Burlington Ward 4 & 7 NPA
From: David Armstrong, Planning Manager
Re: GMT Activities of Note, FY17

CCTA to GMT

- Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has managed Green Mountain Transit Agency's (GMTA) rural operations since 2003. In 2011, the two merged into one entity. We are currently rebranding under one title, Green Mountain Transit (GMT), over all of our regions, both urban and rural. We hope to complete this rebrand by the Fall.

#7 North Ave Route Improvements

- Effective in late August, 2016, GMT will operate 5 additional peak hour North Ave trips. These additional trips will depart Cherry St/St Paul St at 7:00am, 7:30am, 4:00pm, 4:30pm and 5:00pm. These five new trips present no additional cost to Burlington or GMT, as these service hours will transition from several unproductive trips on the City Loop and Pine St routes.

Downtown Transit Center (DTC)

- The DTC on St Paul St. is progressing on schedule and on budget, and is slated for opening by September of this summer. Passenger amenities include an enclosed waiting area, partitions for wind/weather shielding, on platform passenger heaters, public restrooms and full-time ticket/information staff.

Automatic Vehicle Locating (AVL)

- In conjunction with the opening of the DTC, GMT will be launching a mobile AVL app for smartphones. This will enable knowledge of a bus's whereabouts in relation to a specific stop, free of charge.

Mobile Ticketing RFP

- GMT will be issuing a Request for Proposals for a mobile ticketing app. Such an application would enable smartphone users to buy a transit pass on their phone, then use their phone as their bus "ticket", eliminating the use of cash and/or paper tickets. As this is merely a RFP, GMT may or may not procure this technology, and if it is procured, a rollout timeframe is unknown.

System Redesign RFP

- GMT will be issuing a Request for Proposals for a complete system redesign. The aim of this study will be to take a fresh look at both urban and rural systems with an eye towards items such as more efficient scheduling of buses and drivers, more accessible routings, better connectivity between routes and regions, and so-on. This study will likely take the majority of FY17 to complete.

BRIDJ

- BRIDJ is a small company offering small scale transit to large-urban areas, (currently in Boston, D.C. and Kansas City). GMT, VTrans and BRIDJ are endeavoring to start a small-urban pilot project, which could connect areas such as the New North End to UVM Medical, etc. GMT, VTrans and BRIDJ are hopeful to get this off the ground in July of 2017.

GMT Downtown Transit Center

circa September 2016

(looking north along St Paul St, from Cherry St)



