Transit Authorities or Commissions

Transit boards discuss issues such as bus services, sidewalk construction, bike lanes, and footpaths. They provide different methods of transit for their communities.

Relevance to the Local Food System

Transit boards enable citizens to access different parts of the food system, such as groceries, farmers' markets, and community gardens.

Terms of Service

Citizens serve on the board for three years. The time commitment varies per individual. Board members can be expected to spend at least two hours per week in their role, with board chairs spending more time than sitting members.

Boards Across the State

Rural boards often lack public transit services. These boards may focus on other aspects of transit, such as sidewalks, footpaths, or bike lanes.

Member's Thoughts

Mike Nunn, a member of Burlington's Public Transit Advisory Commission, stressed the importance of community feedback. Citizen input is crucial for determining transit planning.

Joining the Board

Boards will advertise open positions on TV, radio, county websites, or newspapers. Citizens fill out an application and sit for an interview.

Collaboration & Community

Transit boards depend upon citizen input to make informed decisions that impact their community. They are highly responsive to any community engagement.

Member Spotlight

"A huge lobbying effort from any particular group... is hugely advantageous for our efforts to get more robust transit systems. Any time somebody can come in with with data, and say this is how many people are reliant in our sector on transit, that's helpful.
Michael Stratton, Asheville Multimodal Transit Commission