

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Location: Addison County Regional Planning Commission office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT

Addison:	Orwell:
Bridport: Andrew Manning	Panton:
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham:
Goshen:	Starksboro: Jan McCleery
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham:
Middlebury: Liv Herdman	Weybridge:
Monkton: Steve Pilcher	Whiting:
New Haven:	

Staff: Mike Winslow

Guests: Jackie Cassino - VTrans, Jenny Austin – D&K

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of September 18, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Norm. Second by Steve H. All in favor with Steve P. and Liv abstaining because they were not at the meeting.
- [Public Transit Policy Plan](#) (PTPP) – Jackie Cassino – Vtrans. Jackie reviewed the process, highlights, and draft recommendations of the PTPP. The plan is in its final stages and the official public comment period is expected to open in November. The plan updates the 2012 version. Goals are: develop a 10-year vision; update state policies, goals, and objectives; incorporate human service transportation coordination; identify components of a state-wide transit system; and engage the public and stakeholders. Jackie reviewed the factors considered as part of the plan as they relate to Addison County. Factors include population density, employment and shopping/grocery locations, commute to employment both into and out of Addison County, transit likely populations (elderly, very young, poor, disabled, and Medicaid recipients). Challenges identified for the new plan to address were ageing in Vermont, expansion of transit access, outreach and awareness raising, and next generation ride scheduling. More long-term concepts were land use patterns, work force development for transit providers, and electrification of the transit fleet.
- Monkton – States Prison Hollow Rd/Monkton Ridge Rd. intersection study – Jenny Austin – Dubois & King. Jenny summarized the work she has done for Monkton under a TAC planning grant. She offered a redesigned approach for States Prison Hollow Road to Monkton Ridge Road. The new approach would have a 25' platform (<3% slope) at the

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intersection with a 10% slope to a tie-back with the existing roadway. The 25' platform is a bit wider than standard to accommodate fire trucks and agricultural equipment. Costs for the project are projected at \$306k for construction and a total project cost of \$430k which includes design, construction oversight, administration, permitting etc. If the project included construction of a retaining wall for the Monkton General Store it would add an additional \$220k. If the town chose to proceed with an 11% grade rather than a 10% grade construction costs fall to \$192k and overall project costs are estimated at \$313k.

- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - Lake Champlain Basin Program Implementation Grants – due 10/31
 - Transportation Alternatives Grants – due 11/22
 - Better Roads Grants – due 11/22
 - ACRPC has an intern working on water quality projects who would be available to assist with some grant applications
 - ACRPC applied for a large-scale implementation grant with the Lake Champlain Basin Program that, if successful, would provide additional funds for Lincoln, Orwell, and Starksboro to bring hydrologically connected road segments into compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit.
- Business/Roundtable
 - Norm – raised concerns about potential damage to the Pulp Mill Bridge resulting from up-coming construction work in Middlebury. He would like to see height and width warnings on approaches for large vehicles that might be using the bridge.
 - Andrew brought to the attention of the TAC an article in the Addison Independent about the North Country Trail which is in development and passes through Addison County, mostly on gravel roads.
- Adjourn 7:40

Note: adopted meeting minutes are also available online at the ACRPC website under agendas and minutes. For your convenience, the latest version of the TAC Bylaws are linked here also: <http://www.acrpc.org/tac/>

2019 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

November 20	December No Meeting
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