

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

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

Addison: Jeff Nelson	Orwell:
Bridport:	Panton:
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Salisbury:
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Shannon Haggett
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham:
Middlebury: Liv Herdman	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	

Staff: Mike Winslow

Guests: Katharine Otto - VTrans, Irene Barna, Jim Gish

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of October 16, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Norm; Seconded by Steve. Passed without opposition.
- Update on Middlebury Bridge Project – Jim Gish (45 minutes). Jim provided an overview of the on-going rail bridge construction work and plans for the coming summer. The presentation consisted of an overview of the project, a walk through the summer 2020 timeline; summarization of the key impacts, highlighted areas of concern, and a review of anticipated post-construction benefits. Mike will post [a copy of the presentation](#) on the TAC webpage.
- [Introduction to VPSP2](#) (Vtrans Project Selection and Prioritization Process)– Mike. Vtrans is revamping their project prioritization process in a way that would allow addition of new projects. The new process will score potential projects in eight categories: safety, mobility, economic access, resiliency, asset condition, community, environment, and health access. The exact nature of the scoring is still being developed, but transportation planners from each of the RPCs will be testing the draft framework at their January meeting. Each RPC is asked to bring three projects to run through the process and Mike solicited input from the TAC as to which projects to bring forward. Four candidates were discussed (in order of importance from the TAC): the Vergennes Economic Corridor, ledge work along Route 125 near the Middlebury Cornwall border,

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the intersection of Monkton Ridge Road and States Prison Hollow Road in Monkton, and the roundabout at the Exchange Street/Route 7 intersection in Middlebury.

- [Transportation Climate Initiative](#) – Draft Framework – Mike - A coalition of nine Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia intend to design a new regional low-carbon transportation policy proposal that would cap and reduce carbon emissions from the combustion of transportation fuels, and invest proceeds from the program into low-carbon and more resilient transportation infrastructure. A draft MOU on the structure of the program is scheduled for release in early December. Mike asked if the TAC would like to develop a position on the draft MOU and if there were any volunteers to review any position developed. Liv and Will volunteered to assist Mike in crafting a response from the TAC.
- Business/Roundtable
 - Mike Audy asked why the traffic signal at the intersection of Court St. and Middle Road in Middlebury is timed rather than traffic sensitive. Mike W. agreed to contact the Middlebury Road Foreman to see if he could get an answer
 - Mike W. noted that the deadline for Better Roads grants had been extended to 12/13
- Adjourn 7:50

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