TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

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

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 ongoing 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

**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/