

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 16th, 2019

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

Members present:

Addison:

Bridport: Andrew Manning

Bristol: Peter Grant

Cornwall: Brian Kemp

Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker

Leicester: Diane Benware

Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair

Middlebury:

Monkton: Thea Gaudette

New Haven: Mike Audy

Orwell:

Panton: Howard Hall

Ripton: Norm Tjossem

Salisbury: Tom Scanlon and

Paul Vaczy

Shoreham: Karen Shackett

Starksboro:

Vergennes: Brent Rakowski

Waltham:

Weybridge:

Whiting:

Staff: Mike Winslow, Adam Lougee (first 1/2 hour)

Other: Fred Dunnington

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of December 5, 2018 TAC Meeting Minutes
 - Moved Peter, Seconded Steve H. – approved unanimously
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - 125 Follow-up: Mike summarized the letter ACRPC received from VTrans. Brian suggested persistence in approaching the problem including getting the college to sign on. The Cornwall Selectboard will be taking that step. Thea suggested writing more letters to create a paper trail. Will suggested sending VTrans letter to Addy Indy. A new letter will require coordination with towns that signed on previously, and should copy the legislative delegation. **Thea moved and Brian seconded** sending a letter to VTRans expressing our dissatisfaction with their assessment. Passed unanimously.
 - Stantec 22A Truck Traffic Study – Mike provided an update on the schedule for the meeting. The TAC should expect to receive a draft report about a week before

- the February meeting. Stantec will present at that meeting, take comments and amend their draft, and then present a draft final report in Vergennes in March.
- Ferrisburgh Old Hollow Road/Rt. 7 Intersection Study – VHB and VTrans conducted a public scoping meeting in Ferrisburgh on 1/15. Mike spoke and spoke on behalf of a roundabout to deal with the intersection as called for in the Regional Plan. Attendees at the meeting were not in support of a roundabout and expressed their preference for a traffic signal.
 - FY21 Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidate Prioritization
 - **Thea** moved to take the list from last year and move the bridges up one slot (because the Salisbury/Cornwall bridge has moved onto the candidate list). **Tom** seconded. **Motion** passed unanimously
 - FY21 Capital Project Prioritization
 - The TAC added two projects to the Traffic and Safety section:
 - **Thea moved and Karen seconded** the addition of the 125 knoll. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - **Thea moved and Tom seconded** the addition of Old Hollow Rd/Rt 7 intersection. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - **Thea moved and Steve seconded** that the ranking be sent to VTrans as follows: With a note that the New Haven Rd. project remains important and has not been ranked because it is at the front of the book. Ranking of the remaining projects: 1) 125 knoll near Cornwall/Middlebury border; 2) Middlebury Exchange St. Roundabout; and 3) Old Hollow Rd./Rt. 7 intersection in Ferrisburgh. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - Fred warned that the scope of the Exchange St. roundabout in Middlebury should not expand as it just delays construction.
 - **Brent moved and Karen seconded** to add the 22A bridge in Vergennes to the Town Bridge Capitol projects list. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Will will work with Mike to review State Bridges to see if there are others that should be added to the list.
 - Town Bridges, State Bridges, Roadways, and Paving will be set aside for discussion at the Feb. 20 meeting. Moved by Thea Second by Brian. Passed unanimously
 - Member Forum & Comments
 - Lincoln – concerned where they’ll get sand in 10 years
 - Salisbury – concur re. sand and salt
 - Monkton – hosting a town wide meeting to discuss needs with regard to RFP for the TAC sponsored study next Wednesday at 7PM
 - Bristol – made a request about the 116 repaving project – wonderful work, but where River Rd. turns off, there’s a 2.5 inch drop at 45 degrees from the road which tilts car. Peter would like to see a smoother transition. Will asked Mike to send on a request to VTrans.

- Vergennes – people in City are anxious to see what Stantec has to say. The City is committed to pushing the project forward, including inclusion of traffic calming measures consistent with the Downtown Master Plan
- Cornwall – have been approached about a traffic study by citizens. Brian was told projects would be solicited during the summer for selection in the fall.
- Fred Dunnington – Regional Plan should support all the priorities of the region. When projects are coming up, they need to accommodate bicycles rather than painting vehicle lanes wider.
- Ripton – Old Town Bridge TAC sponsored study project is being pulled together
- Adjourn 7:40

Minutes are draft until they have been approved by the TAC at a subsequent meeting.