

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham:
Middlebury:	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	

Staff: Mike Winslow

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of November 20, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Karen; Second by Norm. Passed unanimously
- Review [Draft FY20 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program](#). Mike provided an overview of projects on the draft FY20 STIP. Most of the projects are as the TAC would expect with the exception that widening of 22A in Orwell which was on the previous STIP is not mentioned. Additionally, the bridge on Swamp Rd. between Salisbury and Cornwall was not mentioned. This bridge is still in the candidate stage. The public hearing on the STIP is next week. If TAC members have questions or concerns, they should contact Mike before that hearing
- [Transportation Climate Initiative](#) – Draft Framework Comments– Mike shared the draft comments on the TCI and sought input from the TAC on any changes necessary. Will noted that his concerns about the TCI on lower income residents had been addressed in the draft. Mike will be looking for a formal approval of the comments at the February meeting.
 - Mike will be attending the public meetings in Burlington on February 6. Other public meetings in late January/early February will take place in St. Johnsbury, Manchester Center, and Springfield.
 - Final comments due February 28

Cancellations due to weather will be made for winter storm warnings pursuant to ACRPC's Meeting Cancellation Policy (available on ACRPC's website) and will be posted on the homepage of ACRPC's website at: <http://www.acrpc.org>

- 2020 Walk Bike Summit – call for [programs](#), [sponsorships](#), [awards](#) – are all out. The biennial summit will take place on May 8 in Middlebury.
- VPSP2 follow-up - Review Project Qualification Sheets for four projects: Vergennes Economic Corridor, safety work on Rt. 125, States Prison Hollow Rd./Silver St. intersection in Monkton, and the roundabout at Exchange St. and Rt. 7 in Middlebury. As a group the TAC went through the project scoring for these four projects. Mike will share the results with other planners at the TPI meeting on January 16.
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - E&D Ridership Survey – Vtrans will be surveying Elderly and Disabled users of public transit in the next few weeks. Age Well has agreed to provide contact information for users of those services.
 - PELS Grant for Vergennes Economic Corridor is moving forward. VTrans has agreed to include the study in their budget that will be debated in the legislature this session.
 - Status of TAC Grants: Lincoln – contract awarded to Otter Creek Engineering; Bristol – decision made on contractor and contract award anticipated by the end of the week; Salisbury – Mike will be requesting bids in the next few weeks.
 - Ferrisburgh Rt7/Old Hollow Rd intersection – Vtrans met with Ferrisburgh on 1/14 to review plans for installation of signals at this intersection. Construction is anticipated in 2021
 - [Pedestrian Safety and Road Vulnerability Tool Kit](#) was released in January of 2020. It was developed by Vermont Agency of Transportation and Vermont Department of Health. The purpose is to provide clear action steps for implementing manageable, affordable, and impactful changes in Vermont communities to increase the access and safety of all road users. The Tool Kit discusses walk audits, pedestrian crossing design, school zones, accessible design, the role of zoning and planning, links to additional resources including for rural roads.
 - [Winter Maintenance Resource Guide](#) was produced by the Toole Design Group and provides answers to seven questions related to winter maintenance of bike and pedestrian facilities:
 1. Do people walk and bike in snowy and icy conditions?
 2. Why do people walk and bike in winter?
 3. Will more people walk and bike if infrastructure is clear of snow and ice?
 4. Who is responsible for winter maintenance – property owners or government agencies – and what are the challenges?
 5. What are the best ways to remove snow and ice from walkways and bikeways while also caring for the local ecosystem?
 6. What type of equipment is needed?
 7. Does the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) require snow removal on walkways in winter?

- Business/Roundtable
 - Brent noted that Vergennes has a new City Manager as of this month – Daniel Hofman
- Adjourn

UPCOMING GRANTS, DEADLINES, ETC.

- [Ecosystem Restoration Grants](#) – **Due February 3**
- [Walk Bike Summit Call for Proposals](#) – **Due February 7**
- [Walk Bike Summit Call for Award Nominations](#) – **Due February 7**
- [Vermont Watershed Grants](#) – **February 7**
- [Downtown Transportation Fund](#) – **Due March 9**

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/>

2020 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

February 19	July No Meeting
March 18	August 19
April 13	September 16
May 20	October 15
June 17	November 18
	December No Meeting

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