

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

**Location:** REMOTE MEETING: This meeting will be conducted through the **Zoom** remote meeting on-line platform.

Addison: Jeff Nelson	Orwell:
Bridport: Andrew Manning	Panton: David Raphael
Bristol:	Ripton:
Cornwall:	Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski – vice-chair
Lincoln: Will Sipse - chair	Waltham:
Middlebury: Kathleen Ramsay	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	

Staff: Mike Winslow      Guest: Jenny Austin (Dubois and King); Ashley Bishop (Vtrans), Valerie Capels (Bristol), Jilly dos Santos (Middlebury), Patrick Dunn (Salisbury), Katharine Otto (VTrans), Paul Vaczy (Salisbury)

## AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of August 19, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Tom. Second by Karen. All in favor.
- Salisbury intersection study – TAC funded grant – Jenny Austin (Dubois & King) presented the results of the TAC-funded study to Salisbury. D&K was asked to make a recommendation as to whether the intersection of Lake Dunmore Road and Upper Plains Road should be converted from the existing 2-way stop to a 4-way stop. MUTCD warrants were not met for a conversion, though the town could proceed with a conversion if they wished based on line-of-site limitations. At a minimum, the town should clear vegetation on the Northwest corner to clear the line-of-site. If the town does choose to proceed with conversion to a 4-way stop, D&K recommends a speed study west of the intersection first.
  - David asked if the vegetation was in the right-of-way. It is.
  - Representatives from Salisbury expressed satisfaction in the final report and thanked Jenny for her work.
- Review TAC grant applications for FY21. The TAC received four applications for funding. They were posted to the [TAC website](#) and emailed to TAC members on Monday September 14. Following the discussion, Mike asked that TAC members send their

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rankings of the four projects to him by September 30. He will compile the rankings and prepare for a vote on allocation of the funding at the October meeting.

- Bristol – The Town of Bristol was approached by the Lincoln Selectboard about requesting funds for an intersection study to include VT116, Lincoln Rd., and Briggs Hill Road. The current intersection is complicated and has significant sight-line issues. They also requested that an assessment of and suggestions to address parking issues at Bartlett Falls be included in the study. Jeff suggested that water quality impacts also be addressed if this project is funded.
- Middlebury – The Town of Middlebury requests funds to perform an intersection study for Elm St., Stewart Lane, and VT7. Currently, the intersection is offset, and the town would like to better align the approaches to VT7. In addition, the town would like to signalize pedestrian crossings. The requested funding would develop a concept plan and cost estimate for such work. Ideally the work would be coordinated with next summer's paving. Katharine Otto cautioned that a project would have to carefully balance the amount of planning and engineering, as TPI funds can only be used for planning. She also noted that bids for next summer's paving are near to going out and it may be difficult to incorporate changes at this time.
- ACRPC – ACRPC would like to develop a database of planned local projects with the idea that coordinated bids between towns might lead to more bidders and lower prices. Additionally, knowledge of future projects would facilitate review of impacts on the environment, pedestrians, and bicycles. Funding would provide for creation of the database and initial population based on discussions with the towns. The work could be completed with existing funds, but a TAC grant would make it a priority.
- Orwell – Orwell has requested funding for a scoping study for a new town salt shed. The existing location has run-off issues. The purpose of the study would be to position Orwell for later application for Stormwater Mitigation funding.
- Transportation Updates from Mike
  - The following grant programs are currently open:
    - [Bike Ped Grants](#) – Due Wednesday, September 30 by 1PM. Mike is aware of two scoping studies likely to be put forward: one for sidewalk construction in Bristol, and one for road widening in New Haven.
    - [Municipal Planning Grants](#) – Due October 1
    - [Stormwater Mitigation Grants](#) – Due October 9. Bristol is likely to request funds for a scoping study for twin culvert replacement on Middle Road. Leicester is considering two potential projects, a streambank stabilization on Old Jerusalem Road and a salt shed replacement, but has not yet committed to an application.
    - [Lake Champlain Basin Program Enhanced BMPs](#) – Due October 13
    - [Ash Tree Management](#) – Due October 30

- [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) – Due January 29, 2021
    - [FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) – Due January 29, 2021
  - Grants in Aid update – VTrans has released initial funding allocations for FY21 Grants-in-aid projects. Requests for a Letter of Intent from communities to utilized funds went out earlier on 9/16. The deadline for response is 10/30.
  - [Automated Vehicle Testing public hearing](#) – 10/13 from 1-3PM. VTrans is near to finalizing a rule for automated vehicle testing on public roads. Communities interested in undertaking testing should participated in the public hearing and offer comments on the draft rule.
  - Status of VTrans Addison County Projects
    - Middlebury Bridge Project – roads open on Friday 9/18 with the first train passing through the bridge at 10AM and the road opening at 11AM
    - Vergennes Paving Project – paving is complete, but they are still waiting for some of the equipment for the pedestrian signals.
    - Bristol Paving Project – the project is essentially on hold while they wait to schedule paving
- Other Business/Roundtable (10 minutes)
  - Jilly introduced herself. She is the new Alternate from Middlebury.
  - David asked about the status of the PEL study in Vergennes. Mike noted that VTrans is holding off on next steps until after the Vergennes municipal election 9/22. The intent is to have advisory committees in place to review an RFP for a consultant before the RFP is issued.
  - Jeff noted that following our last TAC meeting roadside mowing along state routes has begun.
- Adjourn – 7:33

**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/>

Grant Opportunities:

2020 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

	November 18
October 21	December No Meeting