

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753

www.acrpc.org

Phone: 802.388.3141

Fax:

ᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱ

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Members present:

**Addison:** Jeff Nelson  
**Bristol:**  
**Bridport:**  
**Cornwall:**  
**Ferrisburgh:** Steve Huffaker  
**Goshen:**  
**Leicester:**  
**Lincoln:** Will Sipsey, Chair  
**Middlebury:** Kathleen Ramsay & Betty Nuovo  
**Monkton:**

**New Haven:**  
**Orwell:**  
**Panton:**  
**Ripton:** Norm Tjossem  
**Salisbury:**  
**Shoreham:** Karen Shackett  
**Starksboro:**  
**Vergennes:**  
**Waltham:**  
**Weybridge:**  
**Whiting:**

**Staff:** Josh Donabedian

**Guests:** Sommer Bucossi, VTrans

Upon determining that a quorum is present, Jeff Nelson (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m. Will Sipsey assumed the role of Chair upon his arrival to the meeting at 7:00p.m.

**Minutes:** Karen Shackett motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 TAC meeting, seconded by Steve Huffaker. Following discussion in which Karen mentioned some typos that needed to be fixed, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Creek Road Erosion Stability Study Presentation – Pathways Consulting**

- The presentation was postponed until April TAC meeting

### **FY20 Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidate Prioritization**

Josh and Jeff provided brief overview of the task and process for the new TAC delegates. The TAC had a general discussion of the pre-candidate list, the data provided, the top-ranked bridges, etc. Josh provided an update on the Cornwall-Salisbury Bridge over Otter Creek and relayed that he and Adam would be meeting on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> with members of both Selectboards and VTrans representatives to discuss strategies for getting the bridge replaced; Josh will report back to TAC at March meeting to inform the TAC's final pre-candidate rankings and how this bridge should be handled; Josh relayed a message on behalf of Tom Scanlon, who was unable to attend, that he

believes the bridge should be ranked first and that he would like the TAC to consider ranking it as such. Jeff made three requests: (1) update pre-candidate spreadsheet with corresponding town road names, (2) would like the TAC to look more closely at ADTs in determining local and regional significance of a given bridge in the final rankings, and (3) have VTrans update the Bypass Length for Middlebury Main Street Bridge 101, which currently states that the bypass is 32 miles. Ultimately, the TAC agreed the pre-candidate bridges should be discussed, ranked, and voted upon when more delegates are present.

Josh added discussion of VTrans Capital Program projects to be prioritized to the agenda and provided a brief overview of the projects, but no action was taken as it was not originally on the agenda.

**\*Jeff Nelson motioned to table discussion and ranking of pre-candidate bridges until the March TAC meeting, seconded by Karen Shackett. Karen amended the motion to state that, pending the outcome of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting with VTrans, the Salisbury/Cornwall bridge should be added to the final rankings list. Upon no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **Transportation Updates:**

- Regional Transportation Plan update – Josh provided update on status of the new Regional Transportation Plan; final adoption hearing is scheduled for the March 14<sup>th</sup> Full Commission meeting of ACRPC
- ACRPC is working with VTrans to create a scope of work for bypass/truck route study which will explore all potential alternative long-term solutions to the issue; the SOW will be reviewed and discussed at the March TAC meeting at which Joe Segale of VTrans will be present
- Better Roads Grant Program – Josh shared the projects awarded to Addison County towns under the FY2019 grant cycle totaling almost \$125,000.
- TAC study program – given that it looks like Salisbury/Cornwall will not be following through on its \$25,000 study awarded by the TAC to complete an alternatives analysis for the bridge, that money is available to be awarded to a different study or studies. Discussion to be continued at the March TAC meeting.
  - NOTE: all applications to the FY2018 TAC Study Program are included in the September 2017 TAC meeting materials and can be viewed here:  
[http://54.172.27.91/Downloads/TACmaterials/TACmaterials\\_20170920.pdf](http://54.172.27.91/Downloads/TACmaterials/TACmaterials_20170920.pdf)

#### **Member Forum:**

- Will Sipsey: (1) inquired as to the status of the Lincoln Gap Winter Access Study. Update: the study has since been completed and final drafts have been disseminated to the Town

and ACRPC. (2) Expressed his appreciation for the job Ashley Bishop is doing out of VTrans District 5 and all the help and support she had been providing to the Town of Lincoln.

All others pass.

**No Other Business**

**Adjourn: On a motion by Karen Shackett, seconded by Jeff Nelson and unanimously approved, the TAC adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm**