

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 18th, 2018

Members present:

Addison:	Jeff Nelson	Orwell:	
Bristol:	Peter Grant	Panton:	
Bridport:	Andrew Manning	Ripton:	Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:		Salisbury:	Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh:	Steve Huffaker	Shoreham:	Karen Shackett
Goshen:		Starksboro:	
Leicester:		Vergennes:	Brent Rakowski
Lincoln:	Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham:	
Middlebury:	Betty Nuovo	Weybridge:	
Monkton:	Thea Gaudette	Whiting:	
New Haven:	Michael Audy		
Staff:	Josh Donabedian		

Will Sipsey, the Chair, called the TAC meeting to order at 6:30PM

****Tom Scanlon begins meeting by motioning to amend the meeting agenda so as to provide an updated on the Regional Transportation Plan, which was seconded by Karen Shackett. Upon no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

Regional Transportation Plan Update

Thea announced that the ACRPC Regional Transportation Plan was formally adopted at the April 11th Full Commission meeting; Thea noted that there was virtually no additional discussion/questions following the two adoption hearings and that the Plan was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Final Draft can be accessed here: <http://acrpc.org/programs-services/transportation/>

Or downloaded directly here:

http://54.172.27.91/Downloads/reg_plan/ACRPC_TransPlan_FinalDraft_20180411.pdf

Approval of March 21st, 2018 TAC Meeting Minutes

****Tom Scanlon motions to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting of the TAC, seconded by Peter Grant. Discussion: Karen Shackett pointed out that Tom Audet's last name was spelled wrong in the March minutes (note: the correction has been made and minutes reposted). Upon no further discussion, the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting of the TAC were unanimously approved.**

2018 VTrans Systemic Local Road Safety (SLRS) Program

Josh provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the Program and the VTrans data provided to ACRPC. VTrans requested ACRPC to select one town to participate in the 2018 Program. While a formal vote was not taken, there was general consensus that, based on the data presented, ACRPC should present Ferrisburgh with the opportunity to participate. Update: Ferrisburgh accepted the offer and will be participating in the 2018 SLRS Program.

Materials presented to and discussed with the TAC can be viewed or downloaded here (note that the PowerPoint presentation was created with the information provided in the 2-page fact sheet): http://54.172.27.91/Downloads/TACmaterials/TACmaterials_20180418.pdf

Follow-up answers from VTrans to questions regarding the data:

- CC Paved Roads spreadsheet: lists the roads by towns that have at least one “Critical Curve”
- HP Paved Roads spreadsheet: lists the paved roads by towns that have at least one high priority curve (curves that are “critical curves” with at least 3 crashes)
- SumOfAOTMILES represents how long the road is in miles in the town.
- Curve Miles represent the number of Critical Curve miles or High Priority miles on that road.
- Density Curve per Mile is the proportion of Critical Curve miles or High Priority miles over the length of the road.
- The reasons that the discrepancies in crash numbers between the “Critical Curves” and “High Priority” data spreadsheets exists is because the Critical Curve spreadsheet contains the critical curves without the high priority curves

Other things that came up during SLRS discussion:

- Vermont Public Crash Data Query Tool:
<http://apps.vtrans.vermont.gov/CrashPublicQueryTool/>
 - Note that only crashes for which a police report was filed are included in this tool
- There are concerns regarding potential liability to towns that don't act on this SLRS data that identifies dangerous curves within towns

2018 TAC Officer Vote

****Tom Scanlon motioned to nominate the current officers be reappointed to their current roles as Chair and Vice Chair, seconded by Steve Huffaker. Upon no further discussion, the motion to reappoint Will Sipsey as Chair and Jeff Nelson as Vice Chair was unanimously approved.**

Transportation Updates from Josh

- Josh showed the TAC the new and significantly improved version of VTransparency, which is accessible here: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/vtransparency>
- Addison Route 125 Culvert Replacement Project: public informational/regional concerns meeting for this project on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Addison Fire Station; the project is currently on the VTrans schedule for 2021
- Weybridge-New Haven Route 17 Bridge Construction Project: public informational meeting for this project on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:30pm located at the New Haven Town Hall

Member Forum & Comments

Peter Grant – inquired about the status of the Route 116 paving project; according to information available on VTransparency, this project is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2018, but specific information as to starting date is not available.

Tom Scanlon – Salisbury is starting the process of completing a study for the construction and siting of a salt/sand shed somewhere in town.

Brent Rakowski – expressed gratitude for the work of the TAC on the Route 22A Truck Route Study Scope of Work and its vote to commit \$15,000 in TAC study funds to the project

Norm Tjossem – Ripton is grateful for the vote of confidence in the March 2018 minutes regarding the Town's 2018 TAC study application for an alternatives analysis for the Old Town Road bridge replacement project that is desperately needed.

Andrew Manning – two culverts on Route 125 in Bridport near Cornwall town line need replacement; also shared his observation that a majority of the traffic he sees traveling in Route 125 have New York license plates

All other members pass.

Other Business

None.

****Adjourn – Peter Grant motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tom Scanlon; upon no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.**

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