

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 20th, 2018

Members present:

Addison:		Orwell:	
Bristol:		Panton:	
Bridport:	Andrew Manning	Ripton:	
Cornwall:		Salisbury:	Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh:	Steve Huffaker	Shoreham:	Karen Shackett
Goshen:		Starksboro:	
Leicester:	Diane Benware	Vergennes:	Brent Rakowski
Lincoln:	Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham:	
Middlebury:	Betty Nuovo	Weybridge:	
Monkton:		Whiting:	
New Haven:	Michael Audy		
Guests:	Dave Pelletier & Sommer Bucossi, VTrans		
Staff:	Josh Donabedian		

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

Approval of May 16th, 2018 TAC Meeting Minutes

****Steve Huffaker motions to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting of the TAC, seconded by Karen Shackett. Upon no further discussion, the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting of the TAC were unanimously approved, with Tom Scanlon abstaining.**

VT Long-Range Transportation Plan 2nd Public Hearing – Dave Pelletier, VTrans

As part of statewide outreach associated with the updated of the Vermont Long Range Transportation Plan, Dave Pelletier, Planning Coordinator with VTrans, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the current draft of the Plan. Dave visited all Vermont RPCs during summer 2017 to conduct the first round of public meetings and is now visiting all RPCs during summer 2018 to conduct the second round of public meetings. In general, the Secretary of the Agency has directed Dave and VTrans staff to create a Plan that is as lean, succinct, and approachable as possible.

Questions/Comments that arose from the presentation:

- Tom Scanlon noted that the Plan clearly addresses air, rail, and roads – does the Plan also address water, and specifically Lake Champlain ferries?
 - Not addressed directly because they are privately owned; acknowledges that rail is also privately owned, however VTrans directs a significant amount of resources to rail and rail infrastructure
 - It was also noted that there is an outside perception that the ferries are state-owned entities, regardless of their privately-owned status
- Regarding ferries, Karen Shackett noted that no public bathrooms exist at the ferry locations, which is important as these are entry/exit locations to/from Vermont; noted that adjacent landowner at Shoreham ferry location has issues with people going to bathroom on private property
- Noted that GPS accuracy also remains an important issue for many Addison County towns, as trucks are still be sent out routes that they should not be traveling on
- Karen also shared the idea of potentially utilizing existing, state-owned space along and between highways for bicycle-pedestrian paths as is done in other places like Colorado
- Dave noted that there is a new transportation project prioritization system in development
- VTrans’ approach to asset management moving forward: “right investment, right asset, right time”

The PowerPoint presentation from the meeting along with a goals/objectives/strategies spreadsheet can be viewed or downloaded here:

http://54.172.27.91/Downloads/presentations/VTrans_LRTP_TACPresentation2.pdf

The Draft Plan, along with other reports and background information, are available on the VTrans Long Range Transportation website here: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/long-range-plan>

If you have any questions or would like to submit comments on the Plan, please feel free to contact Dave Pelletier at dave.pelletier@vermont.gov or 802-595-9675 or Josh at ACRPC at 802-388-3141 or jdonabed@acrpc.org.

Transportation Updates from Josh

Regional Updates on DEC Grants-in-Aid Program and Municipal Roads General Permit

- \$240 MRGP application fee is due from ALL towns by July 31st, 2018; paying this fee is also a prerequisite for participating in the FY19 DEC Grants-in-Aid Program
- See the table below for the current MRGP and Grants-in-Aid status for all ACRPC towns:

	MRGP Category "A"	FY18 Grants-in-Aid	FY19 Grants-in-Aid
Addison	FY19	No	Yes
Bridport	FY18	Yes	Yes
Bristol	FY18	No	Yes
Cornwall	FY18	No	Yes
Ferrisburgh	FY19	Yes	Yes
Goshen	TBD	Yes	Yes
Leicester	FY18	Yes	Yes
Lincoln	TBD	Yes	Yes
Middlebury	FY18	Yes	Yes
Monkton	FY18	No	Yes
New Haven	FY19	Yes	Yes
Orwell	FY18	Yes	Yes
Panton	TBD	No	Yes
Ripton	TBD	Yes	Yes
Salisbury	FY18	Yes	Yes
Shoreham	FY18	Yes	Yes
Starksboro	FY18	Yes	Yes
Vergennes	TBD	No	Yes
Waltham	FY19	Yes	Yes
Weybridge	FY18	Yes	Yes
Whiting	TBD	No	Yes

VT22A Truck Route Study

- Project awarded to Stantec
- Project kickoff meeting scheduled for Friday, June 22nd at VTrans

Middlebury Rail Platform Alternatives Analysis

- Project is well underway and the first public meeting occurred on Tuesday, June 19th at Middlebury Town Offices; meeting went very well, with close to 45 people in attendance
- The 2nd steering committee meeting is scheduled for June 28th, during which the lists of candidate sites for the platform and evaluation criteria will be refined

FY19 TAC Study Program

The request for proposals for the FY19 TAC Study Program was sent out to towns a few weeks ago, with a submission deadline of Friday, August 3rd. Applications will be reviewed, and potentially voted on, at our next TAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th. Bridport's application has already been received.

VTrans Municipal Stormwater and Highway Mitigation Grant Program

- Applications are due Friday, July 13th
- For program information, including eligible projects, and application visit here: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program>

Weybridge-New Haven Route 17 Bridge Project

The bridge officially closed to traffic at 6:00am on Monday, June 4th. Crews will be working seven days a week until the bridge re-opens on or before August 3rd. Anyone with questions or concerns regarding this project may contact Stephanie Barrett, Public Outreach Coordinator at 802-862-6085. If you would like to receive a weekly update of the contractors anticipated work schedule, please email sbarrett@coibsinc.com with your request.

The project factsheet is available here:

<http://www.aot.state.vt.us/FactSheet/default.aspx?pin=12B552>

Visit here for weekly updates: <http://countonitinc.com/category/road-closures/bridge-8-vt-route-17/>

Member Forum & Comments

Tom Scanlon – reiterated Karen's earlier note that GPS sending trucks on Route 53 through Salisbury remains a problem and concern of the Town.

Will Sipset – noted that Lincoln Gap Road will be closed to thru traffic from June 26-29 due to a culvert replacement and paving project on the Warren side of the Gap.

All other members pass.

Other Business – none

****Adjourn** – Tom Scanlon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Brent Rakowski; upon no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.