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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018

Will Sipsey, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present:

Addison:
Bridport: Andrew Manning
Bristol:
Cornwall:
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker
Leicester: Diane Benware
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair
Middlebury:
Monkton: Thea Gaudette
New Haven: Mike Audy
Orwell:
Panton:
Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Salisbury:
Shoreham:
Starksboro: Jan Mcleary
Vergennes: Brent Rakowski
Waltham:
Weybridge:
Whiting:

Staff: Adam Lougee, Mike Winslow

Guests: none VTrans: none

Approval of October 17, 2018 TAC Meeting Minutes: Moved by Thea, seconded by Steve; all approved.

VT 22A Truck Route Study Comments on Existing Conditions Report and update: Adam asked if there were any comments on the Existing Conditions Report that had been shared in the TAC packet. He had shared with the consultants that the document as written provided no guidance as to where we are going with this project, which we must have. Thea requested that the maps needed to be more readable and better described. She also noted that endangered species issues were mentioned three times, particularly with reference to bats, but there was no indication of what the consequences of the presence of bat habitat might be on

the work proposed. Finally, she noted a typo. on page 14 in the final line where “of bicyclists” should read “or bicyclists”

Andrew observed that a by-pass would require three new intersections.

Brent suggested that the description of parking along the Mcdonough Drive/Water St./Route 22A parking situation may be incorrect. He requested that the width of the Right of Way along Route 17 be included to maintain consistency with the description of the 22A portion. He also noted that the Route 17 bridge has been replaced at this time and that information should be updated in the existing conditions report.

Adam then asked for any comments on the Purpose and Needs statement that he had shared with the committee. Steve expressed confusion with the phrase “minimizing land impacts to neighboring communities” and suggested “land” be removed.

Adam then provided an overview of next steps. The consultants will be finishing the existing conditions report. After that they will return to the TAC, probably in January, to provide an overview of their presentation for the public meeting. Prior to the public hearing they will finish the economic analysis and flesh out the alternatives. Consultants have proposed pushing the schedule back by a month so that the public hearing would occur in February with a final report in March.

Route 125 Safety Letter to Secretary Flynn: Adam reported that the letter to Secretary Flynn requesting actions to address safety concerns along Route 125 at the Middlebury/Cornwall border had been endorsed by the Selectboards of Middlebury, Cornwall, and Bridport and sent to the Secretary. Mike reported that he had contacted AOT and they were not prepared to provide a formal response at this time, but that they were performing a safety analysis at the site and would provide a formal response once the analysis was completed.

Other Transportation Updates: Mike reported on up-coming grant opportunities from Vermont DEC:

- Partnership Project Development Block Grants – Due December 10
- Partnership Grants and Contracts – to support implementation, technical support, capacity building, and education- Due January 7.
 - Category 1: Work Crew Assistance
 - Category 2: Technical Capacity (i.e. Train the Trainer) Assistance
- Ecosystem Restoration Grants – for design and construction of projects to abate water pollution – Due March 10

Member Forum & Comments:

Jane noted that the center line striping on Rt. 116 in Starksboro has been completed
Diane reported that the Leicester road and culvert inventory was completed earlier in the day
Will drew the committee’s attention to an [article in the Addison Independent](#) reporting that Lincoln will be installing a pair of solar-powered traffic radar signs in December.

Other Business: none

Adjourn: 6:50