

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 17th, 2019

Location: Addison County Regional Planning Commission office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT

Members Present:

Addison:	Orwell:
Bridport: Andrew Manning	Panton: Howard Hall
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall: Brian Kemp	Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh:	Shoreham: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski
Lincoln: Will Sipse, Chair	Waltham:
Middlebury:	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven:	

Staff: Mike Winslow

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of March 20, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes
 - Moved by Tom; Seconded by Karen; Approved unanimously
- Election of chair and vice-chair
 - Tom Moved to nominate Will Sipse as chair; Seconded by Karen; Approved unanimously
 - Tom Moved to nominate Brent Rakowski as Vice-Chair; Seconded by Norm; Approved unanimously
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - 22A report public meeting – about 100 people attended the public presentation of the study that was presented at the March TAC meeting. The community was overwhelmingly in support of building an alternative truck route around Vergennes. Howard asked when the final route might be identified and what opportunities neighboring towns might have to weigh in on that route. Mike noted

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that further study of the route would require funding in the capital budget and that budget does not have capacity for furthering this project in the next five years without some dramatic changes.

- 2020 Walk/Bike Summit update – The summit will be held in Middlebury on May 8, 2020. Planning has begun. The community can expect about 200 people to come into the town for the event. Any assistance TAC members might be willing to provide in planning the event would be appreciated.
- Bike/Ped Grants – A grant announcement for projects to improve bike and pedestrian facilities is expected any time now. In the past grants have come in three forms: scoping studies which require a 50% match, design/construction studies that require a 20% match, and small-scale projects which require a 50% match.
- Report from Road Foremen meeting – Foremen discussed the pros and cons of the new system the sheriff is implementing to process applications for overweight permits for all participating towns in the county. There are administrative benefits, but towns need to share any special restrictions with the sheriff so they can be included in the permit.
- Webinar Report – ACRPC hosted a webinar on designing streets to manage speeds. Three members of the public attended. The content ended up being more about the setting of speed limits than innovations in street design.
- There will be a public meeting in New Haven on May 14th at 6:30PM to discuss a proposed VTrans project on the intersection of East St/Sawyer Rd. and Rt17 intersection.
- Systemic Local Roads Systems – Mike and Will reviewed the criteria for identifying curves of concern and the TAC considered the list of towns determined eligible for assessment.
 - Action Item: Select a town for participation. Karen moved and Tom seconded a recommendation to VTrans to consider curves in Lincoln for participation in the program this year. Approved unanimously.
- Road and Bridge Standards – The TAC discussed proposed changes to the road and bridge standards. The changes are driven by a desire to unite the requirements of the Municipal Roads General Permit with the existing standards. Merge the two requirements should be clearer to FEMA regarding reconstruction requirements and seems to make sense to most of the interested parties. Mike reported that the road foreman seemed to generally approve of the standards. Comments and questions should be directed to Ashley Bishop at the District Office and VTrans is accepting comments until April 26th.
- Other Business/Roundtable
 - Brent expressed appreciation to TAC members for coming to Vergennes for the public hearing on the 22A study
 - Brian asked if there had been any response from the state about the Rt. 125 safety letter. Mike said there had not been a response.

- Karen asked if there was any news about the replacement of the Cornwall/Salisbury Bridge over Otter Creek. Mike noted that we should have a clearer picture after the legislature passes a budget.
- Brian expressed concern that the movement to reclassify the Otter Creek Wetlands as Class I might impact maintenance of Swamp Road in Cornwall.
- Future agenda items: A request was made to invite a representative from VTrans to discuss on-going and up-coming projects. The presentation might be more appropriate after VTrans has their budget in hand.
- Adjourn 7:00 PM

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/>

UPCOMING GRANTS, DEADLINES, ETC.

April 26 - Deadline for comments on revised road and bridge standards

2019 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

May 15	September 18
June 19	October 16
July No Meeting	November 20
August 21	December No Meeting

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