

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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

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| Addison: | Orwell: |
| Bridport: Andrew Manning | Panton: |
| Bristol: | Ripton: |
| Cornwall: | Salisbury: |
| Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker | Shoreham: Karen Shacket |
| Goshen: | Starksboro: |
| Leicester: | Vergennes: Brent Rakowski |
| Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair | Waltham: |
| Middlebury: Liv Herdman | Weybridge: |
| Monkton: | Whiting: |
| New Haven: Mike Audy | |

Staff: Mike Winslow

Guest: Joe Segale, VTrans

Minutes

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of January 15, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes – Moved by Karen; Second by Brent. Passed unanimously
- Autonomous Vehicles – Joe Segale, VTrans – In 2019 Vermont passed legislation to enable autonomous vehicle (AV) testing on Vermont roads. Joe provided an overview of AV technology. The industry predicts 40-60% of the vehicle market will be AV by the 2050s. A testing policy will have four benefits for Vermont: facilitate AV deployment in the state; build public confidence in the technology; provide a clear process for testers; and provide a transparent process that facilitates safe testing. The legislation gave permitting authority to the Vermont Traffic Committee (TC). The TC can authorize testing on all state highways and class 1 town highways. Testing on class 2, 3, or 4 roads must be pre-approved by municipalities before a permit could be issued. So far, Springfield and Bellows Falls have approached VTrans with interest in testing. For next steps, first, VTrans is looking for municipalities that might be interested in allowing testing on their roads. Second, VTrans is developing a guidance for testing. The draft is currently in review and is anticipated to be released for public comment in March.
- [Transportation Climate Initiative](#) – Final Framework Comments – Mike. Steve moved and Karen seconded to submit the comments Mike had prepared and that were reviewed at this and the January meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- FY21 Project Prioritization – initial introduction, voting in March. Mike shared the list of projects that VTrans has asked the TAC to prioritize. We have four Front of Book and three Design and Engineering projects in the Roadway category, one Front of Book and

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one Design and Engineering local bridge, and four Front of Book Traffic and Safety Projects. The complete list of projects is included at the end of the minutes. In addition, we will be submitting our top ten pre-candidate bridge projects. Mike showed the list of last year's top ten bridges and asked the TAC to consider if the bridge on Dog Team Road in New Haven should be replaced with either Bridge #15 on West River Road or Bridge # 17 on East River Road both in Lincoln.

- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - Municipal Complete Streets Inventory – Mike asked that if TAC members are aware of projects in their community that furthered complete streets principals (i.e. sidewalks, crosswalks, bike paths) that they let him know so he can submit the information for state reporting.
 - I89 Planning Study – Chittenden County Regional Planning has begun a study for a 50-year plan for Interstate 89 through the county. The ACRPC commission has asked the TAC to review the work and comment on any impacts that might occur for Addison County. Mike has invited a representative from CCRPC to attend the April TAC meeting. He also attended a public information session in Williston last week.
 - E&D Ridership Survey – Returns from the E&D survey are still coming in. As of today, we have a 40% response rate, far exceeding the goal of 20% response. Mike has recruited some Middlebury College students to assist with data entry.
 - Status of TAC Grants – Lincoln, Bristol, Salisbury – The Lincoln project is approximately half done. The Bristol project has a kick-off meeting on Friday. The Salisbury project is currently out to bid.
 - ACTR – AROC – The ACTR Addison Regional Operations Committee is seeking qualified board members. If any TAC members are interested or know of good candidates, please share their information with Mike.
 - Walk Bike Summit – We received 40 program proposals and will be working to fit them into a schedule in the next few weeks. ACRPC is soliciting sponsorships for the Summit. If any members are able to sponsor or have ideas about others that could sponsor please contact Mike.
 - Road Asset Management – There was a presentation at the road foremen meeting about budgeting for road maintenance. Mike will work to get the presenter onto a future TAC agenda – probably for May.
- Business/Roundtable
 - Andrew noted that he feels the speed limit of 25 mph on VT125 coming into Middlebury at the College is too high for the amount of pedestrian traffic there. However, Will pointed out that state statute (23 VSA Sec. 1007(g)) does not allow speed limits less than 25 mph.
- Adjourn – 7:45

UPCOMING GRANTS, DEADLINES, ETC.

- [Downtown Transportation Fund](#) – Due March 9