

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

**Location:** Video conference call via Zoom meeting

Addison:	Orwell:
Bridport: Andrew Manning	Panton: David Raphael
Bristol:	Ripton:
Cornwall:	Salisbury:
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester: Diane Benware	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski – vice-chair
Lincoln:	Waltham:
Middlebury:	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	

Staff: Mike Winslow

Guest: Eleni Churchill, CCRPC; Katharine Otto, VTrans

## MINUTES

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of February 19, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes – Moved by Steve, Second by Karen. Motion carried unanimously with David abstaining
- Approval of March 18, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes – Tabled as there was not a quorum of those who had been present at the meeting.
- I-89 Corridor Planning Study – Eleni Churchill, CCRPC. Eleni reviewed the on-going planning study for the I-89 corridor through Chittenden County. As part of the study, they will be considering seven new or improved interchanges: a new interchange in Bolton, a new interchange (12B) at Hinesburg Rd./Rt. 116, a full interchange at Exit 13, a u-turn at Exit 13, Exit 14 north, and a full Exit 15. Up to three of those options will be selected for more detailed evaluation. A second round of public input is scheduled to take place this coming winter.
- District Leveling Project Prioritization – VTrans has requested TAC input on potential leveling projects that may become possible if stimulus funds become available. The Districts identified potential projects including three in Addison County: leveling on Rt. 125 in Bridport and Cornwall, leveling on Rt. 17 in Addison, and patching on Rt. 17 in Addison. Karen moved and Brent seconded to prioritize leveling on 125 over leveling on 17. Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.
- Transportation Updates from Mike

Cancellations due to weather will be made for winter storm warnings pursuant to ACRPC's Meeting Cancellation Policy (available on ACRPC's website) and will be posted on the homepage of ACRPC's website at: <http://www.acrpc.org>

- Status of TAC Grants – Lincoln and Bristol projects are progressing. Mike anticipates a presentation to the TAC on the Lincoln project at our June meeting. The Bristol project has had to adjust some of the public outreach component due to the pandemic. The consultant is preparing an on-line survey, and will be seeking assistance in reaching out to the community through a steering committee that has been set up for the project.
  - The Salisbury project has presented challenges. Mike has requested bids for the project twice now but has had no takers. The TAC requested that Mike put the project out to bid again and seek a wider audience.
- Bike Loop public input option – Consultants have been preparing a report on a proposed bike loop that would connect New Haven, Vergennes, Middlebury, and Bristol. The project is funded through a Municipal Planning Grant. The consultants had scheduled public input meetings that needed to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Instead they are now seeking input through an on-line survey. There is a link to the survey through the ACRPC web-site: <http://acrpc.org/programs-services/transportation/bikeped/triangle-bike-loop/>
- Grants in Aid status update – Work under the Grants in Aid program is considered non-essential per the Governor’s Work from Home order, and thus should not be proceeding at this time. DEC has not yet made a decision about extending the June 30 deadline. They are currently re-evaluating the status of all their grant programs in the face of the financial challenges to the state from the pandemic.
- Business/Roundtable – David reported that Panton has received a draft report from ANR from the Urban and Community Forestry Program on developing resilient right-of-ways. The report will address vegetation management and impacts from farm run-off. The draft will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Panton Planning Commission.
- Adjourn 7:35

**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/>

**2020 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE**

	September 16
May 20	October 15
June 17	November 18
July No Meeting	December No Meeting
August 19	

