

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 17th, 2020

Location: REMOTE MEETING: This meeting will be conducted through the **Zoom** remote meeting on-line platform.

Addison:	Orwell:
Bridport: Andrew Manning	Panton:
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski – vice-chair
Lincoln: Will Sipsey - chair	Waltham:
Middlebury:	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven:	

Staff: Mike Winslow Guest: Robert Clark, Otter Creek Engineering; Katharine Otto, VTrans; Bill Finger, Lincoln

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of May 20, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes. Motion to Table: Karen, Second: Tom. All in favor.
- Lincoln - South Lincoln Road Realignment Study Report – Otter Creek Engineering. Robert Clark provided an overview of the work to provide a 30% design for the realignment of S. Lincoln Rd. to move further from the New Haven River. Plans included a berm to shield views of the town garage, a parking area to provide access to town owned property, minimization of wetland impacts, and retaining the old road as a one-lane walking area. The report will be posted on the ACRPC web site on the [Lincoln page](#). Bill noted that the town was satisfied with the design and was making some tweaks. The town will proceed with construction after final consultation with regulators regarding wetlands permits. Will felt that the project was the best use of TAC funds he had seen as it led to an outstanding product that the town was moving forward with to implementation.
- Bike Ped. Count Planning – Mike discussed planning efforts for bike and pedestrian counts. ACRPC is seeking advice from the TAC on a bike and pedestrian counting plan. VTrans asks for us to establish regular counting locations that meet the following criteria:
 - A downtown or village sidewalk,

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- A shared use path, and
- An area where the pedestrian/bike usage level is expected to be lower than average (e.g. less densely populated or where the bike/pedestrian transportation network is relatively sparse).
- An on-road location (Note that VTrans has tube counters for these counts that are available for loan to RPCs)

TAC members suggested additional locations where counts might be valuable:

- South Street in Middlebury by the hospital out toward the horse farm
 - Will endorsed the idea of counts between Bristol Village and Rocky Dale
 - Panton Rd. heading from Vergennes to Button Bay State Park
 - Sand Road to Comfort Hill between Ferrisburgh and Vergennes
 - South Water St. and Maple Street in Vergennes
 - Rt. 53 in Salisbury where bikers come up from Rt. 73
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - Status of local projects –Bristol and Vergennes paving projects are progressing and the work is nearing completion. The Middlebury bridge project is expected to lead to downtown closure as of July 13 until mid-September. A practice run took place this week to bring a bridge part from the Fifield Farm to downtown.
 - Traffic counts – Mike is conducting traffic counts this summer if any towns would like them. He has been out to Shoreham already.
 - Automated Vehicle Testing Permit Guidance – webinar 6/19 at 1PM. Comments due 6/30. Contact Mike if you would like to participate in the webinar
 - Grants in Aid status update – a few towns have completed work, and others are making progress. The deadline for completion has been extended to October 15.
 - Reconsideration of minutes. As more people had joined the call, Karen moved and Brent seconded to reconsider the minutes from the April meeting. All in favor. Karen moved and Tom seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor with Tom and Will abstaining.
 - Other Business/Roundtable
 - Will apologized for missing the last two meetings
 - Tom noted that Salisbury has hired a new road foreman, Bill Jaring, who formerly worked for Weybridge
 - Adjourn – 7:23

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/>

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- [AARP Community Action Grants](#) - \$500-\$2,000 – Due June 26
- [Clean Water Design/Implementation Block Grants](#) – Due July 10