

Addison County Regional Planning

Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Addison: Jeff Nelson	Orwell:
Bridport: Andrew Manning	Panton: David Raphael
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham:
Middlebury: Jilly dos Santos	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	

Staff: Mike Winslow **Guest:** Jon Kaplan (VTrans), Shannon Haggett (Vergennes), Michelle Gilbert (Rise VT), Bethany Yon (VtDept.Health)

Minutes

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval February 17, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Karen. Second by Tom. All in favor with David abstaining.
- Making Rural Communities Safer for Walkers and Bikers – John Kaplan covered four topics: low cost improvements to make streets safe for walking and biking, what are Complete Streets, sidewalk design basics, and overview of design resources. His presentation is available on the [TAC website](#). Low cost improvements include:
 - narrow travel lanes
 - marking shoulders as bike lanes
 - maintaining and sweeping existing shoulders
 - enhancing sign visibility
 - providing crosswalks, ensuring their visibility, and enhancing them
 - providing sidewalks
 - maintaining pedestrian infrastructure in the winter
 - providing bike parking
- Project Prioritization, Initial Overview - Mike W. went over the projects in VTrans existing Capital Program, the projects VTrans has identified from an asset driven perspective, and a list of potential projects of regional significance. The projects are listed [on the TAC website](#). At the April meeting the TAC will review scoring on the asset driven potential projects and regionally driven projects identified by the TAC. The TAC asked Mike to provide more details on three project for consideration:
 - US 7/Charles Ave./Monroe St. intersection in Middlebury
 - US 7/Boardman St. intersection in Middlebury

- VT 116 road widening east of Bristol Village to Rockydale
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - [Vermont State Rail Plan](#) – comments due March 22, 2021
 - [Airport System Plan](#) review - public meeting 3/24@6pm
 - New Haven train station - New Haven, VTrans and ACRPC continue to meet to try and find an acceptable new site for the train station
 - Vergennes PEL Study up-date - consultant selection process is still on-going
 - April TAC elections - Mike W. reminded the TAC of up-coming elections. If anyone is interested in the chair or vice-chair positions, please let him know.
 - Up-coming grant opportunities
 - [AARP Community Challenge Grants](#) - Due April 14
 - [Rise VT Amplify Grants](#) - Due April 15 with a second round in August - restricted to Bristol, Lincoln, Starksboro, and Bridport. Max \$1,500
- Other Business/Roundtable (10 minutes)
 - Norm asked if Ripton had signed on to the Public Works Mutual Aid agreement. Mike indicated they had not. Norm will follow up with the town.
 - Tom shared that a quad had fallen through the ice on Lake Dunmore
 - Mike A. expressed his hope that a solution to the New Haven train depot situation could be found that would preserve the building. He also reported that he had spoken with Aaron Brown, the New Haven Town Administrator, about the VT17/Hallock Road intersection, one of the potential projects Mike W. brought to the TAC. The comment at town meeting that prompted concern about the intersection was a brief conversation and no serious follow-up was required.
- Adjourn - 7:48

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/>

2021 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

April 21	August 18
May 19	September 15
June 16	October 20
July No Meeting	November 17
	December No Meeting