

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Addison:	Orwell: Andrea Ochs
Bridport:	Panton: David Raphael
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Salisbury:
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shacket
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski, Vice-chair
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham:
Middlebury: Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	
Staff: Mike Winslow	Guests:

### Minutes:

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval June 16, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes. Motion by Karen. Second by Steve. Motion passed without opposition.
- MRGP update - compliance status and progress of Addison County municipalities - Mike provided an overview of the Municipal Roads General Permit. All Addison County towns completed their Road Erosion Inventories (REI) on time. Mike shared the number of road segments that need to be improved for each town and the progress that has been made through the Grants in Aid program. Reporting road improvements remains a challenge. ACRPC is planning a workshop on how to update the REI for October 20th. The full presentation is available on the [ACRPC website under Minutes and Agendas](#).
- Transportation Updates from Mike
  - New Haven train station - New Haven has received a grant from the Northern Borders Commission which supplements money made available through VTrans to move the station. The town is working to hire a consultant to oversee and coordinate the project. Work needs to be completed by next spring before the Amtrak trains run.
  - Vergennes PELS update - The project [website is now live](#). Meetings have been set up with Select Boards of all affected communities for late September and early

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- October. The first formal public meeting is November 4th at the Vergennes Opera House
- o Grants in Aid - Post-construction site visits for FY21 projects have been completed for seven towns. All projects must be completed by the end of October. Mike is available to schedule pre-construction site visits for FY22 projects.
  - o TAC Grants - The TAC grant RFP has been released and shared with town clerks, road foremen, the TAC, and the Addison County Walk Bike Council. Applications are due September 3.
  - o Funding Opportunity: Mobility and Transportation Innovations Grants - Funding is available for projects that 1. improve mobility and access for transit dependent Vermonters; 2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions; or 3. Reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles. Applications are due September 3.
  - o EVenture is hosting a [Ride-n-Drive](#) event in Middlebury on Saturday, Aug. 21. The event will showcase Electric Vehicles and will occur in the ACRPC/Coop parking lot.
  - Other Business/Roundtable
    - o **Orwell** is completing a TAC study grant to improve stormwater management of the town's stored sand and salt. The final project report will be presented to the TAC in September, but the town has already moved forward with clearing the land where a new stormwater treatment area will be located.
    - o **Orwell's** town green community is pursuing a Municipal Planning Grant for sidewalk and accessibility improvements for the village center.
    - o **Orwell** is trying to put together a meeting between political representatives and VTrans to encourage moving forward on repairs to VT 22A.
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    - o **Ripton** - work continues on VT125 to replace guardrails and improve flood resiliency. There are currently 10 to 12 cuts in the road that are not well covered so motorists should use caution through the area
      - Karen asked if Ripton had considered changes in emergency response needs that might result from Middlebury College's plan to host students at the Breadloaf campus. The College will be offering shuttle service to the main campus, but the hours are not yet known and some students will invariably drive themselves
    - o **Middlebury** - Hugh will be soliciting transportation priorities from the town planner.
    - o **Shoreham** concurred with Orwell's assessment of the need for repairs on 22A.
    - o **Panton** - David asked if the PEL Study should be extended south to consider the condition of 22A in Shoreham and Orwell.

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- **Panton** - David noted that recent posts on Front Porch Forum had discussed traffic challenges in Vergennes, and wondered if there should be an official response from VTrans or ACRPC. Mike said that signalization on Class 1 highways is the responsibility of the towns and that the Vergennes public works director had responded to the posts to say they were working on changes to signal timing. Mike will reach out to the public works director to try and coordinate VTrans assistance if necessary.
- Adjourn - 7:20PM

**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:

- Mobility and Transportation Innovations - Due September 3
- [Addison County Transportation Planning Grants](#) (TAC) - Due September 3
- [Municipal Planning Grants](#) - Due November 1

## 2021 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

September 15	November 17
October 20	December No Meeting

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