

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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Memo

To: ACRPC TAC

From: Mike Winslow, Transportation Planner

Re: VTrans Project Prioritization - VPSP2

VTrans has reviewed the asset driven projects and locally identified projects that it would like to move forward into the Capital Program. Recall that the TAC reviewed three asset driven paving projects: Addison to New Haven on VT17, Middlebury through Ripton on VT125, and Orwell to Addison on VT22A. The TAC also identified three regionally driven projects for consideration: widening of VT117 between Bristol Village and Lincoln Rd., an intersection improvement project at Charles Ave and US7 in Middlebury, and an intersection improvement project at Boardman St. and US7 in Middlebury. I am pleased to report that all six projects will be moving forward into the Capital Program.

For paving projects VTrans is recommending projects totalling 150% of the projected budget in the anticipation that additional federal funds will become available. Thus all identified paving projects in the state will be moving forward. VTrans assigned Transportation Values to all projects with scores ranging from 67 to 38. The three Addison County projects scored as follows: VT17 - 47, VT125 - 50, and VT22A - 50. Work is anticipated to begin on these projects sometime between FY25 and FY27. The actual time will depend on a number of factors including regional balance of projects, and the amount of advance work required for right-of-way and environmental review.

For roadway projects additional work will be required to refine the scope. As a result none of these projects are expected to get into construction until 2030. It is possible that some projects will not move past the scope refinement stage. VTrans wants to avoid over-promising on what can be delivered. The Bristol road widening earned a transportation value score of 62 and was the 6th highest scoring project out 21 projects. Projects scoring between 73 and 55 advanced to the Capital Program.

Most traffic and safety projects will also have to undergo scope refinement, however clearly defined projects may enter into Project Engineering sooner. The transportation value for the Charles Ave/US7 intersection was 61 and the value for the Boardman St./US7 intersection was 59. All projects scoring above 39 advanced.

Actual completion of projects or refinement of scope is dependent upon Congressional action. VTrans is now committed to delivering these projects pending the outcome of scope refinement for roadway

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and intersection projects. Any projects already in the Capital Program (e.g. the Exchange St. roundabout) will continue as before.

VTrans is interested in receiving any feedback the TAC may have on their actual project selection, or the project selection process. [VTrans has established a public facing website](#) to explain the process and outcomes.

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