

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Addison: Jeff Nelson	Orwell: Andrea Ochs
Bridport: Andrew Manning	Panton: Howard Hall
Bristol:	Ripton:
Cornwall:	Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh:	Shoreham: Karen Shackett
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski, Vice-Chair
Lincoln: Will Sipsey, Chair	Waltham: Jeff Glassberg
Middlebury: Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	
Staff: Mike Winslow Public: Ken Upmal (VTrans), Shannon Haggett (Vergennes)	

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of January 19, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Jeff; Second by Brent. All in favor.
- Status Update - VT 125 in Addison - Ken Upmal - VTrans. Slope failure along VT125 in Addison along Lake Champlain occurred November 1, 2021. Failure was caused by excessive stormwater runoff, cumulative water retention in the road sub-base, and clay soils. The Transportation Secretary issued an Emergency Declaration, which expedited repair, but not as much as a Governor's Emergency Declaration would. The project still requires NEPA permits and right of entry sign-off which took a few weeks. When the slope failure occurred, half the road fell into the lake forming an earthen berm. Along this section, the embankment can be reconstructed with 2' of stone fill to act as a counter berm. On the southern portion, the failure did not reach the lake and so fill would be needed which would require additional Army Corps permitting. Instead, they will be using sheet piling in this area. The project has encountered complications caused by a water line and overhead utilities. Road detours: VTrans, by law, can not detour traffic to local roads, even when they provide a more efficient route. To compensate, they have worked with the Addison Road Foreman to provide signage for the town to use. As part of the project, VTrans has worked with the two affected property owners to maintain and

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even improve lake access. The project has been advertised and the bid analysis was completed today (2/16). The total project will cost about \$1-million. VTrans expects to award the contract within 10 days with work to begin March 1. The project completion date is June 24, 2022, which should provide ample time to deal with any resource constraints related to supply chain issues.

- o Will asked why did the subsoil slide into the lake? Clay in the lower depths got saturated and lost its shear strength. The new design should prevent future slides.
- o Jeff asked if there would be shoulder improvements associated with the project to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. The road will be widened by 2' on each side with the centerline and curve pushed toward the lake which will leave 11' lanes and 3' shoulders.
- o Hugh asked what the "Irene equivalent" project would be. Ken noted that he had not managed enough Irene-related projects to offer a good comparison
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - o Status of TAC grants - Dubois and King has been selected to work on the Middlebury and Bristol projects. Mike sent a draft contract to them today for review. The Ripton project has been put back out to bid with an additional \$5,000 added (total \$20,000 now), a reduction in scope, and a clearer description of anticipated deliverables. Proposals are due February 25.
 - o Vergennes PELS - The Policy Committee meets in early March to approve the Purpose and Needs Statement. The P&N has already been reviewed by the Technical Committee, which offered some minor revisions. The Project Management Team is planning spring workshops: one dedicated to residents of the Otter Creek Trailer Park, one in-person meeting for the general public, and one virtual meeting for the general public.
 - o [Downtown Transportation Fund Grants](#) - due March 7, 2022.
 - o Traffic Count requests - Any towns that wish to have traffic counts this spring should reach out to Mike. He conducts counts on a first-come, first-served basis. He already has requests from the Ferrisburgh and Pantown Road Foremen.
 - o Project Prioritization - The March and April meetings will likely focus on prioritization of bridge projects for VTrans. We should receive the draft list of projects from VTrans by March 1. We can conduct an initial review of the list in March and suggest other projects, and then do a deeper dive on projects in April.
 - o Other - This past Friday DEC sent a reminder to towns that their Municipal Roads General Permit annual report is due April 1 and the annual fee is due June 1. By the end of the year towns are expected to have brought 15% of their non-compliant road segments into compliance.
- Other Business/Roundtable

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- o Hugh - 1. Middlebury has hired interns to explore residents' interests about future bike projects. 2. The Exchange St. sidewalk project is being held up by Right of Way issues. A property along the route is currently in foreclosure, complicating any such negotiations.
- Adjourn 7:13

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/transportation/>

Grant Opportunities:

- [Downtown Transportation Fund Grants](#) - due March 7

2022 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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