

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Addison: Jeff Nelson	Orwell: Andrea Ochs
Bridport:	Panton:
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Salisbury: Tom Scanlon
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shackett
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski
Lincoln:	Waltham: Jeff Glassberg
Middlebury: Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven:	
Staff: Mike Winslow Public: Bill Finger (Lincoln)	

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of March 16, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Andre. Second by Karen. All in favor
- TAC elections - chair and vice chair. Jeff N.moved Brent as Chair and Andrea as Vice-Chair. Second by Norm. All in favor. Jeff N. offered to share his experience as chair and lessons learned with either Brent or Andrea at any time at their request.
- Project Prioritization
 - Finalize regional scores for VTrans Asset Driven Bridge Projects - Mike reviewed changes in scoring based on regional information for potential asset-driven projects identified by VTrans. There were three such changes: acknowledgement that York Hill Bridge and Sugar Hill Bridge in Lincoln were identified in the Regional plan, and recognition of the importance of Branbury State Park as an area important to the local economy. Tom asked to clarify if the correct bridge on Lake Dunmore Rd. had been identified. (Following the meeting Mike and Tom confirmed that it is the bridge over Sucker Brook). Hugh moved and Tom seconded to send the revised scores for potential asset-driven projects to VTrans.
 - Finalize list of Regionally Driven Bridge Projects - Two bridges were identified as potential candidates: Vergennes-22A over the Otter Creek, and Lincoln Grimes Rd. over the New Haven R. The TAC agreed that transportation values should be

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developed for both bridges. Mike will also investigate whether the bridge Tom identified might be eligible.

- Town Highway Road Surface Data Verification - Mike conveyed the request from VTrans for updates to the road surface inventories for towns. If anyone is aware of formerly unpaved roads that are now paved or paved roads that are no longer paved, please report that information to Mike.
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - Walk Bike Summit - May 6 in Middlebury. Over 100 people have registered so far. The Keynote speaker is Don Kostelec from Idaho.
 - [Bicycle and Pedestrian Grants](#) - grants opened April 6. Jeff N. asked if there were any priority projects for the county. Mike described his outreach to towns on the Triangle Bike Loop to apply for funding to purchase way-finding signs. Vergennes has agreed to be the lead on that grant application, while ACRPC will provide coordination.
 - Status of TAC grants - Kick-off meetings have been held for the Middlebury and Bristol projects. The re-released Old Town Rd. RFP received three proposals and Otter Creek Engineering has been selected to do the work. A contract will be developed over the next week or two.
 - Grants in Aid reminder - Projects need to be completed before September 30. A few towns still need to meet with Mike to identify projects.
 - Vergennes PELS - Planning for public workshops at the end of May and June 1 is on-going. Consultants have developed their long list of alternatives and screening criteria which will be presented at the public meetings.
 - Other - The [Safe Streets and Roads for All](#) program has recently been announced by the federal government. This is a new program that came out of the federal Infrastructure Bill. Funds are available to develop, update, or implement a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, a plan aimed at preventing transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries in a locality. An [informational webinar](#) for municipalities will take place on May 2 from 1-3PM.
- Other Business/Roundtable
 - Addison - Jeff N. expressed thanks to Will Sipsey for his years of service to the TAC
 - Ferrisburgh - Steve reported that they are still awaiting the stoplight on Rt. 7 at Old Hollow & Stage Rds. The project has been delayed by utility issues and material failures.
 - Salisbury - Tom asked that the bridge identified as an asset-driven project by VTrans be clarified.

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- o Middelbury - Hugh noted that he had put in a plug for the Walk Bike Summit at a recent Selectboard meeting.
- o Ripton - Norm said the town is looking forward to working with Otter Creek Engineering on the Old Town Rd. project.
- o Orwell - Andrea reported that Benson has reached out about 22A. Orwell previously had a good meeting with VTrans about planned upgrades. VTrans has installed 'no parking' stakes around the intersection of 22A and 74, which Orwell is happy about.
 - Given the on-going interest in 22A, Jeff N. asked Mike to request regular updates from VTrans about the status of those projects.
- Adjourn 7:16PM

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:

[Bicycle and Pedestrian Grants](#) - Due June 8
[Safe Streets and Roads for All](#)

2022 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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