

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Addison: Jeff Nelson	Orwell:
Bridport:	Panton: Howard Hall
Bristol:	Ripton: Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Salisbury:
Ferrisburgh: Steve Huffaker	Shoreham: Karen Shackett
Goshen:	Starksboro:
Leicester:	Vergennes: Brent Rakowski
Lincoln: Alan Schmidt	Waltham: Jeff Glassberg
Middlebury: Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:
Monkton:	Whiting:
New Haven: Mike Audy	
Staff: Mike Winslow Public:	

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of April 20, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes - moved by Norm, second by Karen. All in favor.
- Project Prioritization - The TAC Reviewed and modified Intake Forms for Regionally Driven Bridge Projects
 - *Vergennes-22A over the Otter Creek, upon review and modification scored 74*
 - *Lincoln Grimes Rd. over the New Haven R., upon review and modification scored 17*
 - Karen Moved and Jeff G. seconded to send the final reviewed intake forms to VTrans
- [Walk Bike Summit Summary](#) - Mike reported that approximately 180 people attended. Reviews have been positive including from Brent and Hugh who attended. The Addison Independent provided a nice article.
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - Bike Ped. Grants - due June 8. ACRPC is currently working with Vergennes to prepare an application for signs for the Triangle Bike Loop. We have letters of support from all communities involved except Middlebury where the Selectboard will be considering the letter next week.
 - Vergennes PELS - public meetings at the Otter Creek Park 5/24 (rain date 5/25), Vergennes Opera House 5/26, and virtually via Zoom on 6/1. The purpose of

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these public meetings is to review the list of alternatives developed by the consultants to see if anything is missing, and to develop a list of criteria by which the alternatives will be evaluated. More information and a link to sign up for updates can be found at Vergennespel.com

- o Amtrak Update - A virtual public meeting on train safety, train schedules, and how to purchase tickets is being planned for Friday 6/17. Details will be in the ACRPC newsletter. There will also be public events in both Vergennes and Middlebury the day of the first train run in July (Date still to be finalized). Mike A. has heard Amtrak has raised concerns about pedestrian traffic over the swinging bridge on the Trail Around Middlebury. Mike W. will investigate with VTrans.
- o Better Roads Grants - Lincoln, Orwell, Starksboro, and Waltham received grants.
- o Transportation interns - ACRPC has hired two interns for summer transportation field work. They start June 6.
- Other Business/Roundtable
 - o Addison - Route 17 heading west from the village has been recently paved by VTrans. The project on 125 is continuing. Gravel is down and, weather permitting, [paving may begin as early as this week.](#)
 - o Ferrisburgh - The traffic signal at the US7/Old Hollow Rd intersection has been installed and may be active as early as this weekend. The signal will be set to flash for a few days before it becomes fully operational so drivers have a chance to adjust.
 - o Ripton - On May 23 work in the Ripton Gorge on VT125 begins. Expect delays.
 - o Cornwall/Middlebury - VTrans safety study on site distances on VT 125 is ready to kick off. VTrans has gathered information from the local communities and is looking to schedule a public kick off meeting early in June.
- Adjourn 7:04

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](#)

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2022 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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