

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Addison:	Jeff Nelson	Orwell:	Andrea Treadway, vchair
Bridport:		Panton:	Howard Hall
Bristol:		Ripton:	Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:		Salisbury:	
Ferrisburgh:		Shoreham:	Karen Shackett
Goshen:		Starksboro:	
Leicester:		Vergennes:	
Lincoln:		Waltham:	Jeff Glassberg
Middlebury:	Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:	
Monkton:	Debra Sprague	Whiting:	
New Haven:			
<b>Staff:</b> Mike Winslow		<b>Public:</b> Kevin Marshia (VTrans)	

### AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Additions and Amendments to Agenda - none
- Public Comment - none
- Approval of February 21, 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Norm. Second by Howard. All in favor. Andrea and Karen abstained
- Project Prioritization Update - Kevin Marshia, VTrans, director of the Asset Management Bureau. Two years ago was the first year of VPSP2 with paving, roadway, traffic and safety projects. Enough projects were brought in that the funnel of future projects is now full. In anticipation of the Infrastructure Bill, VTrans programmed 150% of capacity. What wasn't anticipated was that the extra federal money was eaten by inflation in costs, so VTrans was unable to complete additional projects. VTrans has decided not to invite new projects for this year. Paving projects already selected will take VTrans out to 2027 and perhaps 2028. VTrans doesn't want to get into design for projects further out. Addison County has in the queue three paving projects and one roadway project (Bristol). These are the most planning intensive projects. Roadway projects already programmed will likely go through 2031/32.
  - In the second year of VPSP2 reviewing bridge projects, VTrans scaled back. By that time they had anticipated the inflation levels. VTrans does

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- anticipate renewing the VPSP2 review next year for either paving/roadway or bridges or some combination.
- Andrea - where is the 22A project? Scheduled for 2025. Addison 17 and Middlebury to Hancock 125 saw a one-year delay.
- Norm - in September when we looked at state bridge projects there was a set-back in timing for those projects. A bridge in Ripton was one that had been delayed. Norm shared an anecdote about an 18-wheeler unable to get through the bridge. Driver had to do a complete turn around in the town. Kevin relayed that the bridge was put forward as a potential project but not selected as a Capital Project. It would be eligible for review as a potential project next time around.
- Hugh noted that at a recent press conference, the Governor sought funding to accelerate some projects and asked for an update. Kevin added some detail. The Governor proposed additional funding from the surplus in the general fund to be used to balance needs in the transportation fund. The details in the press conference were to highlight which projects would be impacted. The legislative process still needs to play out.
- Mike noted that without project prioritization there is a hole in the TAC schedule and there is now no program for April. Andrea suggested canceling the meeting. Jeff moved and Karen seconded to cancel the April meeting. All approved.
- Transportation Updates from Mike
  - Revised **TAC By-laws** were approved by the full commission at their meeting two weeks ago.
  - **Vergennes PELS update** - The Technical Committee met on March 1. The Committee recommended advancing four options to the landscape visioning stage: one new road downstream of the falls in Vergennes, one new road upstream of the falls in Vergennes, one new road only on the east side of the falls and entirely within Vergennes, and a redirection of northbound truck traffic to Routes 17 and 7. The Technical Committee did not recommend further study of a fifth option that would utilize existing rights of way on Walker Rd. and Little Chicago Rd. in Ferrisburgh, however some of the federal partners expressed an interest in keeping that option in the mix. For the next step, the Policy Committee will review the work completed to date on April 3 and they will be asked to endorse a suite of options to move forward.
  - **TAC Grant update** - Contract finalized with SLR to work on Lincoln's River Rd. projects. We received one application for the Ferrisburgh

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sidewalk project from Dubois & King. We're developing a contract to complete that work

- **VLCT Federal Funding Assistance Program** - VLCT has developed the following resources:
  - New [Federal Funding Assistance Program webpage](#)
  - VLCT's [Vermont Federal Funding Guidebook](#)
  - "Consults On Call" – Book a 15-minute meeting with the FFA team during weekly office hours. Evening hours are available
- Other Business/Roundtable
  - Hugh asked that TAC members make sure their municipalities know they are interested in continuing to serve. ACRPC will be seeking such confirmation from each municipality in the near future.
- Adjourn - motion by Karen Second by Jeff N. Adjourn at 6:57.

**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:

### 2023 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

	April 19
May 17	June 21
July - no meeting	August 16
September 20	October 18
November 15	December - no meeting

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