

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Addison:		Orwell:	Andrea Treadway (VC)
Bridport:	Andrew Manning	Panton:	
Bristol:	Peter Grant	Ripton:	Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:		Salisbury:	
Ferrisburgh:		Shoreham:	Karen Shackett
Goshen:		Starksboro:	
Leicester:		Vergennes:	Brent Rakowski (Chair)
Lincoln:	Bill Finger	Waltham:	
Middlebury:	Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:	
Monkton:	Debra Sprague	Whiting:	
New Haven:			
Staff: Mike Winslow		Public: Jenny Austin (D&K), Bonnie Barnes (Ferrisburgh), Shannon Haggett (Vergennes), Brian Cote (SLR)	

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of [August 20, 2023](#) and [June 21, 2023](#) TAC Meeting Minutes - Moved the August minutes by Bill Finger. Second by Andrea. All in favor June minutes moved by Andrea, second by Karen. All in favor.
- FY23 TAC Grants final reports
 - [Ferrisburgh Sidewalk Assessment](#) - Jenny Austin, Dubois & King, presented the results of the TAC funded study on sidewalk opportunities in Ferrisburgh. The presentation is available in the link above.
 - [Lincoln River Rd. Stabilization](#) - Brian Cote, SLR, presented the results of the TAC funded study on slope failure and remediation opportunities along River Rd. in Lincoln. The presentation is available in the link above.
- Select Applications for TAC funding - *applications Vergennes, Middlebury, Lincoln and the TAC.*
 - Ten TAC members submitted ranked votes on the proposed projects, but the results were inconclusive. Three projects had the same median ranking. Only the Middlebury project scored lower.
 - Mike shared that the RPC had been able to help Middlebury using existing funding with some of what they were seeking. The Lincoln and Vergennes

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- projects were fairly straight-forward as to what would be requested of a consultant. It is less clear how to structure an RFP to solicit assistance for the hazardous materials study. He observed that prior assessments of hazardous materials movement have not led to actionable suggestions.
- o Hugh made a motion to fund the Vergennes proposal for \$25,000. Andrea seconded. Bill spoke in support of the proposal, noting that Vergennes has been making strides in planning and the 22A corridor is important for the region. All in favor.
 - o Karen moved to fund the Lincoln proposal for \$30,000. Andrea seconded. Bill said Lincoln has been dealing with pedestrian issues in bits and pieces and the proposed project would bring that together. All in favor.
 - o Karen suggested more investigation of what information already exists for hazardous materials
 - Transportation Updates from Mike
 - o Vergennes PELS update - the study team has begun meetings with Planning Commissions in the study area. Vergennes and Waltham meetings have already taken place. The team is beginning to prepare for land use visualization workshops, perhaps in December. The current plan is for separate workshops for each of the alternatives still on the table. At each workshop, participants will be asked to assume that the alternative at that individual meeting is the one moving forward and to then imagine land uses along the alternative and how the roadway would look.
 - o FEMA assistance status - Public assistance is available for the late June/early July storm. Municipalities should already have applied. Public assistance is anticipated for the early August storm. A call for applicants has not yet been issued.
 - o FY23 Grants in Aid work deadline has been extended to 9/30/2024. This does not change the deadline for the FY24 program. That deadline will also be 9/30/2024.
 - o [Park and Ride Grants](#) are open now for new Park and Rides, not for maintenance of existing ones. Bill asked if grants were available for towns without state highways. Mike will check.
 - o [AARP Vermont's 2023 Winter Placemaking Grants](#) are open now and offer up to \$4,000 per project to non-profit or ad-hoc groups, who meet the eligibility requirements. This is a good source of funding for small scale community projects. Awards do not involve all of the strings and paperwork that VTrans grants sometimes do.
 - o VTrans Community Questionnaires for three bridge projects are due October 12: Main St., Vergennes, U.S. 7, Ferrisburgh, and York Hill Bridge, Lincoln. The questionnaire is a standard form VTrans sends out in advance of significant projects. Anyone that would like to add information should share it with Mike and he will build it into his response.

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- Other Business/Roundtable
 - Monkton finished their Mountain Rd. project and repaved States Prison Hollow Rd.
 - Vergennes has completed a sidewalk project between MacDonough Drive and the bridge
 - Lincoln has a grant agreement with USFS to expand and improve parking along the Gap Rd. The town receives and administers the grant but the USFS writes the proposal. No action has taken place yet.
 - Middlebury expanded their bike ped. planning with help from ACRPC.
 - VT125 in Ripton is open to VT100 but there are two stops for construction, both near Ripton. Anticipate delays. Work was done very expeditiously.
 - Norm noted that the Amtrak station was dark in Middlebury, and felt dangerous as a result. Hugh said he would check. Brent believes that the Vergennes station is only lighted for one hour before the arrival and one hour after the departure of the train.
- Adjourn. Moved by Debra Second by Karen. Adjourn 8:14PM

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:

[Park and Ride Grants](#) - Due November 3, 2023

[AARP Vermont's 2023 Winter Placemaking Grants](#) - up to \$4,000 per project to non-profit or ad-hoc groups, who meet the eligibility requirements. Due October 16, 2023.

2023 REMAINING TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

	November 15
October 18	December No Meeting

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