

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Addison:		Orwell:	
Bridport:	Andrew Manning	Panton:	
Bristol:	Peter Grant	Ripton:	Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:		Salisbury:	
Ferrisburgh:		Shoreham:	Karen Shackett
Goshen:		Starksboro:	
Leicester:		Vergennes:	
Lincoln:	Bill Finger	Waltham:	Jeff Glassberg
Middlebury:	Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:	
Monkton:	Debra Sprague	Whiting:	
New Haven:	Mike Audy		
Staff: Mike Winslow		Public: Jim Sullivan (UVM)	

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:32PM - by Mike Audy.
- Approval of [October 18, 2023](#) TAC Meeting Minutes. Moved by Jeff. Second by Norm. All in favor.
- [Traffic Safety Toolbox](#) - Jim Sullivan, UVM. Jim shared a pdf of the toolbox. He has been presenting his work by going through the pdf. The toolbox is oriented to speeding counter measures particularly in transition zones between higher speed highways and village centers and downtowns. The tool box provides rough guidance for towns for countermeasures. It is not intended to guide regulations. VTrans has expressed a desire to be involved if measures are to be put in place. The document includes links for further resources. The document includes 15 single page fact sheets that profile speeding countermeasures, each linked from the table of contents. Maintenance concerns are addressed. The document also identifies measures that are discouraged or not allowed but are sometimes considered. There are three categories of countermeasures: horizontal deflections (7), vertical deflections (3), and perceptual/passive measures (5). Each measure is evaluated against eight criteria. Some measures couldn't be used on state highways, but could be applicable for town highways. Profile sheets include a description of the measure, pros and cons, an assessment of appropriate contexts, design considerations, and links to additional information. They found examples of all but one of the counter measures in Vermont, and local photos have been included. The document includes live links to the Google Street View image of where the measures have been

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used. There are four field tests, three of which were in Addison County (two in Middlebury and one in Vergennes). There are four case studies, two of which were in Addison County (Middlebury and Lincoln). Case studies are places where counter measures have been put in place.

- o Hugh asked how to find the document. Mike will put a link in the minutes. Jim can also email a copy if anyone wishes to reach out to him.
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - o Vergennes PELS update - Land use visualization meetings are coming up
 - Monday, Dec 4 – Orange Route (Vergennes) Opera House, 120 Main Street, Vergennes, VT 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Monday, Dec 11 – Pink & Blue Routes (Vergennes & Panton) Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main Street, Vergennes, VT 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Tuesday, Dec 12 – Purple Route (using existing VT-17 in Addison, Weybridge and New Haven, and a section of US-7) Tourterelle Restaurant, 3629 Ethan Allen Hwy (Route 7), New Haven, VT 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Wednesday, Dec 13 – Green Route (Panton & Waltham, connecting to Route 7 near New Haven Road) Panton Town Hall, 3176 Jersey Street, Panton, VT 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Tuesday, Jan 9 – All routes will be discussed Virtual Workshop via Zoom 4:00-6:00 pm
 - o Transportation Resilience Planning Tool Training - November 30th 10-3. RSVPs requested so that ACRPC can provide lunch.
 - o [TAP grants](#) and [Stormwater Mitigation](#) grants (combined application) due December 8th.
 - o [Better Roads Grants](#) - Due December 20, 2023
 - o TAC grant update - the Lincoln traffic calming RFP was released earlier today. The Vergennes Capital Planning RFP closed last week and had one applicant. The City and applicant will be meeting to refine a scope of work.
- Other Business/Roundtable
 - o Ripton - 125 work is completed. 116 has also been completed. Mike A. observed that guardrails at the sharp corner below Ripton Village have been replaced three times in the last few months.
 - o Monkton reported that at the last two Selectboard meetings people from the Boro have come to ask for traffic calming measures. Mike W. has offered to do a traffic study in the spring, but the town is planning to move ahead with a radar feedback sign.
 - o Monkton will be applying for a Stormwater Mitigation grant. The Town Manager will be in touch with Mike W. about a letter of support.

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- Adjourn - moved by Norm; second by Karen. Adjourned 7:31 PM. Reminder: there is no December meeting.

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:

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2024 TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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