

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

**Location:** HYBRID: This meeting will be conducted at the ACRPC office (14 Seminary St., Middlebury) and through the **Google Meet** remote meeting on-line platform. See the connection information below. If you intend to join the Google Meet meeting and have never used Google Meets before, we recommend you begin the log-in process well in advance of the meeting to allow time for downloads and connections to occur. Or contact Mike Winslow ([mwinslow@acrpc.org](mailto:mwinslow@acrpc.org) - 802-578-9999) before the event to walk through a practice session.

### TAC meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2023 · 6:30 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zzt-azwv-way>

Or dial: (US) +1 216-930-7770 PIN: 505 935 356#

### AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Amendments to the Agenda
- Approval of [March 20, 2024 Minutes](#)
- Annual TAC Elections
- [Regional Plan Updates](#)
  - Discuss Bridge Priorities (memo below)
  - Renew discussion starting with pg. 6-27/VT Route 125 ([spreadsheet on state corridor pavement conditions available here](#))
- Transportation Updates from Mike
  - Sign up for [Grants in Aid](#) funds due by May 10
  - Walk Bike Summit - Thursday June 20 in St. Johnsbury
    - Call for Proposals due April 30th
  - Other
- Other Business/Roundtable
- Adjourn

**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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- [Safe Streets and Roads for All](#) - due April 4, 2024

## 2024 TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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## Memo

**To:** ACRPC TAC

**From:** Mike Winslow, Assistant Director

**Date:** April 10, 2024

**RE:** Priority Bridge Nominations

The 2017 regional transportation plan includes two tables regarding bridges: a list of bridges eligible for federal funding, and ten bridges ranked by the TAC in 2017 as in need of attention. I suggest we replace the first table with a list of bridges already in the VTrans project pipeline and update the second table. There are four sections to the rest of this document:

1. Proposed language for the revised plan. The second table in the proposed language is only populated with bridges brought to my attention by TAC members since the March meeting. The work of the TAC for our April meeting will be filling in that table.
2. Local concerns about particular bridges as expressed by TAC members since the March meeting.
3. The table of prioritized bridges from the 2017 plan. When the TAC has completed plan revisions, Table yy in the Proposed language section will look like the table from the 2017 plan.
4. The updated list of prioritized bridges from 2020, the last time the TAC created such a list.

If you would like more details about any particular bridge, a [spreadsheet of information on all bridges in the county has been posted on the ACRPC website](#).

## **Proposed Language:**

ACRPC is aware of VTrans projects identified in the FFY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program on the bridges in Table xx and supports completion of those projects. In addition, ACRPC has identified the bridges in Table yy to be of regional significance and in need of repair or rehabilitation.

Table xx: Addison County Bridges with VTrans Projects Scheduled as of 2024
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Municipality	Bridge #	Road	Crossing	Project ID
Ferrisburgh	139	US 7	Lewis Creek	BF 019-4(35)
Lincoln	46	York Hill Rd.	New Haven R.	BO TRUS(7)
Salisbury/ Cornwall	8	Creek/Swamp Rd.	Otter Creek	BO 1445(39)
Vergennes	27	VT 22A/Main St.	Otter Creek	BF 017-1(19)

Table yy: Addison County Bridges without VTrans Project Numbers Prioritized by the Transportation Advisory Committee

Priority Rank	Municipality	Bridge #	Road	Crossing
	Ferrisburgh	137	US 7	Little Otter Ck.
	New Haven	30	Dog Team Rd.	New Haven R.
	Ripton	15	VT 125	Middle Branch Middlebury R.

## Local Concerns Expressed:

**New Haven - Dog Team Rd. - Bridge #30** - "The deterioration that's been documented for decades is quite extensive and one inspection suggests that replacement would need to happen in a time frame that has long since elapsed. I know in years past I've

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suggested it be added to the list and I will again. Dog Team road being a vital reroute should anything ever occur on route 7 being top of mind.”

Inspection Date	Deck	Super Structure	Sub Structure	Channel
8/3/2022	5	5	5	5

**Ripton - VT125 - Flower Bridge/Bridge #15** - the current width of the bridge is too narrow to accommodate a truck/truck and a car/truck safe side-by-side passage over the bridge. As more and more very large semi-trucks use 125 East, the danger of collisions is rising.

- a. There is no “narrow bridge” warning sign.
- b. A “high crash rate” is noted in Ripton Village Center
- c. The bridge was rated as “functionally deficient” in 2017.
- d. Citizens have witnessed close encounters and emergency stopping to avoid sideswipes or head on collision.
- e. 125 East is a key TVT and school bus transit route. Wider vehicles.
- f. The bridge railings are significantly damaged by sideswiping and rust.
- g. 4700 vehicles per day were recorded in 2018 survey. High for the region.
- h. The bridge was once “on the list” for attention but was removed due to state and federal funding shortfalls.
- i. There is NO shoulder clearance on the bridge deck. Very tight/no leeway.
- j. There is an “S” curve leading into and over the bridge requiring some rapid adjustment for drivers.
- k. There is a major “T” intersection immediately east of the bridge that requires extra attention for drivers.
- l. There IS a dedicated bike and pedestrian walkway (relatively new) next to the old bridge deck over the stream.”

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Inspection Date	Deck	Super Structure	Sub Structure	Channel
5/18/2023	6	6	6	6

**Ferrisburgh - US7 at Otter Creek - Bridge #137** - “The bridge over Little Otter Creek on US 7 is a choke point for vehicular and bike traffic. Ferrisburgh FPF postings regularly complain about near-accidents there. I recall that this is on Vtrans' list, but wanted to double check.”

Inspection Date	Deck	Super Structure	Sub Structure	Channel
5/10/2023	7	6	5	8

## 2017 TAC Priorities (as listed in current plan):

TAC Rank	Town/City	Bridge #	Location	River
1	Vergennes	27	Main Street	Otter Creek
2	Middlebury	101	Main Street	Otter Creek
3	Lincoln	46	York Hill Road	New Haven River
4	Bridport	5	Crown Point Road	West Branch of Dead Creek
5	Shoreham	8	Richville Road	Lemon Fair River
6	Bridport	4	Crown Point Road	Potash Brook
7	Starksboro	7S	Gore Road	Huntington River
8	New Haven	30	Dog Team Road	New Haven River
9	Lincoln	18	Grimes Road	New Haven River

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10	Ferrisburgh	11	Little Chicago Road	Little Otter Creek
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## **2020 TAC Priorities (as voted on at 3/18/2020 TAC meeting):**

TAC Rank	Town/City	Bridge #	Location	River
1	Vergennes	27	Main Street	Otter Creek
2	Middlebury	101	Main Street	Otter Creek
3	Lincoln	46	York Hill Road	New Haven River
4	Bridport	4	Crown Point Road	Potash Brook
5	Ripton	6	Old Town Road	Middlebury River S. Branch
6	Starksboro	75	Gore Road	Huntington River
7	New Haven	30	Dog Team Road	New Haven River
8	Lincoln	18	Grimes Road	New Haven River
9	Ferrisburgh	11	Little Chicago Road	Little Otter Creek
10	Salisbury	6	Lake Dunmore Rd.	Sucker Brook

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