

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Addison:	Martin Haitz	Orwell:	Andrea Treadway (v.chair)
Bridport:		Panton:	Kyle Rowe
Bristol:		Ripton:	Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:		Salisbury:	
Ferrisburgh:	Steve Huffaker	Shoreham:	
Goshen:		Starksboro:	
Leicester:	Diane Benware	Vergennes:	Brent Rakowski (chair)
Lincoln:		Waltham:	
Middlebury:		Weybridge:	
Monkton:	Debra Sprague	Whiting:	
New Haven:			
Staff: Mike Winslow		Public: Shannon Haggett (Vergennes), Faith Dall (VTrans)	

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Amendments to the Agenda. None
- Approval of [Minutes](#) from June meeting. Moved by Andrea. Second by Norm. All in favor. Debra abstained.
- TAC Grant Applications (\$60,000 budgeted)
 - Shoreham - Asset Management. Not present
 - Ripton - Asset Management. Have been getting more projects than they could fund. They are trying to plan for budgeting and up-coming projects. Focus on roads, bridges, and culverts. Andrea asked if Ripton has a Capital Fund? Yes, but projects have exceeded the fund. Ripton would want the plan to include maintenance activities. Deliverables to include: annual costs for roads, prioritization of larger projects, list of maintenance activities.
 - Leicester - U.S. 7 Traffic Calming. Have had concerns about the U.S. 7 intersection for many years. Only village intersection on U.S. 7 without traffic signal or reduced speed. Intersection does not meet VTrans threshold as a high-crash location. VTrans District 3 has offered a letter of support. VT Sun races use the intersection, so bicycling should be included in conversation; school is on one side of the intersection. Leicester contracts with Brandon for fire and rescue services. The study area would extend north to Coles Farm (beyond

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Leicester convenience store), south for about 150 yards, east to town shed, and west to the Park and Ride.

- o No other projects were brought forward
- o Discussion
 - Brent felt Ripton's lack of a full time staff meant there might be more need there
 - Andrea ranked Leicester, Shoreham, Ripton because the first two towns had not received funds previously. However, she also suggested reducing the cost for all so that all three could be funded. Could also do \$30K for Leicester and \$30K for the other two to be split as the consultants see fit.
 - Steve moved to award \$20K each for all three projects. Norm seconded.
 - Andrea suggested \$35k for asset management and \$25k for traffic calming. Steve accepted this as an amendment to his agenda. Norm accepted the amended motion.
 - All in favor
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - o [Vergennes PEL](#) study has concluded. VTrans taking over website
 - Set up a [list serve](#) for any updates
 - o ACRPC interns finished last week. They were able to conduct road erosion inventories and culvert inventories for six towns: Goshen, Weybridge, Whiting, Bridport, Shoreham, and Monkton. Mike is reviewing the reports for the towns and will be sharing them shortly.
 - o Mike is working to provide more detailed elements of transportation plans as ACRPC works on town plans. Starting with Middlebury, Addison, Leicester, and Lincoln. Next up Goshen and Bridport.
 - o Complete Streets training sessions - VTrans is hosting seven complete streets trainings. What could entice TAC members or municipal officials to participate?
 - Andrea and Diane thought proximity was more important. Brent thought community similarity was more important.
- Other Business/Roundtable
 - o Orwell
 - Got a speed radar sign through a grant with the Sheriff's Dept., but they don't have the code for the town to get into it and get data.
 - Issues on 22A south of town - the road is failing. Go slow!
 - Lack of rain has made it difficult to maintain the gravel roads
 - o Vergennes
 - Reiterated that PELS study is done.
 - Salt shed will be funded by the City after turning back VTrans grant

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- Multiple accidents in Vergennes last week led to major re-routing including to VT17. Reemphasizes the need for a second bridge
- o Ripton - Fuss & O'Neill presented at a Selectboard meeting about alternatives for erosion control on Natural Turnpike
- o Leicester is reviewing the Transportation plan as part of their town plan update
- o Monkton had a temporary road closure on Tyler Bridge Rd. for a temporary culvert upgrade. Complete replacement comes with an anticipated cost of \$850K, and the town is trying to figure out how to fund that.
- o Panton - culvert project got delayed and is now pushing into September. The grant was obligated in May, and the town set a construction schedule anticipating soon having a grant agreement, but grant agreement wasn't received until July 31. Pre-work going on now.
- o VTrans -
 - ACRPC's FY26 work plan is moving forward on time.
 - Mobility Transportation Initiative (MTI) grants are open. These focus on first-mile and last-mile trips and filling those gaps. Recipients are typically public transit entities.
 - Faith recommended a project management team for the Leicester traffic calming study
- Adjourn 7:30 PM

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/>

2025 TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

September 17	October 15
November 19	December - no meeting

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