

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Addison:		Orwell:	Andrea Treadway (V. Chair)
Bridport:	Drexel Wheeler	Panton:	Kyle Rowe
Bristol:		Ripton:	Norm Tjossem
Cornwall:	Brian Kemp	Salisbury:	
Ferrisburgh:	Steve Huffaker	Shoreham:	
Goshen:		Starksboro:	
Leicester:	Diane Benware	Vergennes:	Brent Rakowski (Chair)
Lincoln:	Ken Stockman	Waltham:	
Middlebury:	Laura Asermiley	Weybridge:	
Monkton:	Debra Sprague	Whiting:	
New Haven:			
ACRPC Staff	Mike Winslow	Other	Matthew Arancio (VTrans), Sharon Macklin (Bridport)

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Amendments to the Agenda
- Approval of [Minutes from March](#) meeting . Moved by Kyle. Second by Andrea. All in favor. Ken abstained
- Local participation in statewide planning process – Matthew Arancio, VTrans -
 - Matthew oversees the regional planning teams
 - VTrans has a summary of outreach and engagement policies for statewide transportation planning
 - [Federal statute is the under pinning of TPI](#). All Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) activities are justified within the objectives set forth in the statute.

- State needs a documented public involvement process for transportation programs ([link to the draft policy](#)). Vermont executes this requirement through TACs and TPI, and is summarized in the new policy. TPI funds transportation planning at Regional Planning Commissions
- The policy is revised every five years or so and reviewed by FHWA
- VTrans is interested in feedback about how well the TPI and the public engagement process serves Addison County communities and how it can be improved. Most interested in process feedback. Reach out to Matthew and cc. Mike
- In the revised policy, VTrans is removing language about annual VPSP2 review. Now will be as available funding exists to input projects, VTrans will work through TACs to identify projects.
- VPSP2 was the program whereby TACs provided input to VTrans about regional priorities for new projects. Reduction in federal funding and increase in costs has led to a significant backlog of projects.
- Where feasible, within existing scopes of work, VTrans is looking for opportunities to pull in elements like sidewalks. This is an area where TACs may have opportunities to provide input.
- Andrea and Drexel reiterated concerns about the state of 22A
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - Mike asked if towns have received notice of changes to the Road & Bridge standards as of January. They had not. Mike anticipates there will be minor changes when the Orange Book is updated and towns should have that on their radar.
 - Mutual Aid agreements will go out soon in regular packets from ACRPC. The term of the agreement is extending from one year to two. Packets are typically sent to Town Clerks for distribution.
 - Grants in Aid Notice of Intent to participate is due May 1
 - New Haven Culvert replacement Public Information Meeting June 2 at 6PM. As currently proposed, the project would require closing VT17 during the construction period.
 - Bike Ped. Grant Announcement was released earlier today – Applications are due 6/12. Reach out to Mike if towns are interested in applying
- Other Business/Roundtable
 - Panton – April 23 is Municipal Advocacy Day in Montpelier. Kyle has been asked by VLCT to provide testimony on transportation issues. He will bring up

budget constraints and the increasing costs of materials and infrastructure maintenance. He will discuss overweight vehicle permits. He asked if there were other items the TAC would like brought up.

- Ken mentioned that the town administrators have begun discussing shared service conversations
- Orwell – poured footers for their salt shed and it should be done by July. BCI is doing construction; Myron White did the concrete; Wilkes Paving will pave inside the garage. Lester Buildings provided the structure.
 - Ken asked if there was grant money. There was not, but Orwell did have a carry forward fund that they utilized. The project was in the voter-approved budget, so did not require a loan.
 - Mike noted that the carryforward fund was a great advertisement for capital planning. The Vermont Bond Bank is really pushing capital planning and held a forum on the topic last week.
 - Brent noted that the project would be substantially more expensive if it had relied on grant funding. Also, moving salt and sand indoors leads to a more consistent product since it limits freezing and thawing. This will require an adjustment period on the part of road crews.
- Orwell is looking to set up two salt contracts, one with the state and one directly with Barrett’s to avoid the price fluctuations that they saw this past winter
- Bridport – the alternatives presentation for the Middle Rd. Culvert project took place earlier this week. The town will be installing a concrete structure. They reviewed 60% design and traffic control suggestions. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
- Ripton is considering what to do with their school building as it is closing. They are considering moving the town office out of the floodplain and into the building.
- Cornwall is still negotiating a land acquisition for a new municipal garage and sand salt shed. They’re also finishing revisions to their zoning regulations.
- Leicester is looking for land for a new sand and salt shed. They investigated a property recently, but the cost was too high. They’re hesitant to make any moves because the future of the school property is in question and may be available in the near future.

- Middlebury’s DPW Operations Director recently resigned. The town is reshuffling staffing as a result.
- Middlebury sidewalks - they are looking to replace sidewalk panels this summer. They also put out a bid for Exchange St. Sidewalk construction – a project that’s been on hold for a long time. The project starts at Greg’s Meat Market and runs to Catamount Park.
- Lincoln – 1. hired a new road supervisor who started this week. 2. Many Lincoln culverts failed over the winter, and some had not even been on their inventory map. 3. River Rd. In Lincoln is being monitored due to damages. They’re still working on engineering studies. 4. Lincoln is still waiting on next phase of work for York Hill Bridge. 5. No paving planned this year
- Monkton Rd. Will be partially closed April 22 and 23 from 8AM to 3:30PM. Closures are between Lime Kiln Rd. And Parks Hurlburt Rd. Wednesday and between Parks Hurlburt Rd. And Stage Rd. on Thursday. The town is replacing culverts in anticipation of paving
- Ferrisburgh – the [Champlain Valley Grain Center](#) will be opening any day now at the intersection of 22A and 7.
- Adjourn 7:25

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/>

2026 TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

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