

BYLAWS FOR THE
TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives and responsibilities of this Committee are to:

- recommend regional transportation objectives;
- make recommendations to the Vermont Agency of Transportation on regional transportation needs and projects as appropriate; including, urgency, priority, and cost effectiveness;
- develop and update a comprehensive regional transportation plan;
- foster intergovernmental cooperation on transportation issues;
- encourage public transit within the region;
- foster public education and participation in the planning for transportation improvements; and
- provide input to the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Vermont Legislature in the development of transportation policies.

ARTICLE II: NAME

The name of this Committee shall be the Two Rivers-Ottawuechee Transportation Advisory Committee (TROTAC).

ARTICLE III: AUTHORIZATION

The TROTAC is an advisory committee to the Two Rivers-Ottawuechee Regional Commission (TRORC).

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

The TROTAC shall consist of the following:

Town Voting Members

One representative appointed by the legislative body of each of the member towns. Member towns include Barnard, Bethel, Bradford, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Chelsea, Corinth, Fairlee, Granville, Hancock, Hartford, Hartland, Newbury, Norwich, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Pomfret, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge, Strafford, Thetford, Topsham, Tunbridge, Vershire, West Fairlee, and Woodstock.

At-Large Voting Members

Five at-large members are enabled under these Bylaws. Stagecoach Transportation Services, a transit provider is an automatic at-large member. Four additional at-large members representing other transportation modes are enabled by these Bylaws. TRORC appoints at-large members to the TAC.

Appointments of all members will be made in March when each community makes its annual appointments to boards and commissions.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of the TROTAC shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve for one year and be elected in May. The Chairperson shall preside at all TROTAC meetings. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall have the duties normally conferred by parliamentary usage on such officers. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings where the Chairperson is absent. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a member of the TROTAC shall preside.

ARTICLE VI: QUORUM AND VOTING

A quorum shall consist of at least five (5) TROTAC members. A motion can be passed or defeated by a majority of those present and voting. A tie vote defeats a motion.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

The TROTAC shall meet at least four times each year and upon call of the Chairperson. Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, and members are entitled to vote whenever a vote is called for. Written summaries of each meeting will be provided to the TRORC, as well as the public, subsequent to each meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRORC

TRORC staff shall assist the TROTAC to ensure that the TROTAC bases decisions on technical information, community goals and objectives, and is consistent with the regional transportation plan. The TRORC has administrative and fiduciary responsibilities for all aspects of the transportation planning program.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended per Article VI by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present, provided that the text of any proposed amendment has been mailed to members at least four (4) weeks prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

Adopted at a meeting of the TROTAC this 7th day of May 2015.

Signed by:

Jane Marks
chair