



Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday September 10, 2020

Zoom Conference Call 9:30AM – 11:00AM

Meeting Summary

Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present
Barnard	Jerry Fredrickson	X	Hancock	Monica Collins	X	Royalton	Victoria Paquin	X
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	Hannah Tyler Matt Osborn	X	Sharon	Deb Jones	X
Bradford	Nancy Jones Phil Page		Hartland	Dave Ormiston	X	Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer	X	Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Toni Pippi	
Bridgewater	Jeff Sailer		Norwich	Larry Wiggins Herb Durfee	X	Thetford	Guy Scaife	
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea			Plymouth	-		Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret			Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed	X	Randolph			West Fairlee	-	
Granville	-		Rochester	Doon Hinderyckx		Woodstock	Neil Leiter	X
At-Large Members								
Advance Transit	Van Chesnut			VTrans		Katharine Otto		X
Stagecoach	Jim Moulton Mike Reiderer			VTrans D4 VTrans D7		Chris Bump/Mike Blakslee Shauna Clifford		
Vital Communities	Bethany Fleishman			Vermont Local Roads		Todd Eaton		

Guests: Dave Pelletier and Zoe Neaderland, VTrans

- 1. Introductions** – Rita called meeting to order 9:31am.
- Additions to Agenda and Public Comments - none
- 3. Annual Chair and Vice Chair election (pt. 2)**
Rita noted that Kent (Chair) moved to Chester end of July and TAC is re-electing new Chair and Vice Chair. Deb Jones (Sharon) and Smith Reed (Fairlee) graciously agreed to be Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Jerry Frederickson moved the current slate as presented. Bill Hall seconded. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Approval of July 9 Minutes** – Smith Reed moved to approve. Bill Hall seconded. Unanimous approval.



5. **Update on VTrans Statewide Rail and Freight Plans** – Dave Pelletier and Zoe Neaderland, VTrans
- Dave presented on the current Rail and Freight plan updates. This is required for VTrans to be eligible and access certain types of federal grants which VTrans has been successful at receiving. VTrans looking to RPCs/TAC for input on regional and local needs and to expand public outreach. There's been overall decline in rail ridership in Vermont. Smith Reed noted it could be correlated to when Dartmouth Coach started offering bus service to NYC. Bob Moyer suggested restoring Amtrak service as well as installing Amtrak signage on interstate to notify that there is service in the area (good marketing). VTrans offered to participate if RPCs want to prioritize which industrial sites with rail access may be most important to protect since there is a limited supply. VTrans will notify Rita when the web map is live, and Rita encouraged TAC members to provide comments.

VTrans will have follow up Town Hall meeting on Oct. 6, 2020 from 4-5pm and would appreciate assistance for publicizing meeting in towns.

6. **Other business**

- VTrans Bike Ped grant applications – September 30, 2020 due.
Rita noted 3 towns are submitting construction applications (Hartland 3 Corners for additional grant funds, South Royalton Chelsea Block, and Woodstock East End connection).
- VTrans Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation grant applications – Oct. 9, 2020 due.
Rita reviewed the grant eligibility scope and cost commitment from towns. She is working with tentative applications from Bethel, Hancock, Norwich, Vershire and Woodstock.
- DEC Grants in Aid Year 4
Rita updated that the launch will be very soon and will notify towns for participation.
- Zoe Neaderland noted that she'll be reaching out to the TAC for input on US Route 4 Corridor Management Plan (from end of Class 1 in Woodstock to New Hampshire) from an asset management perspective.

7. Meeting adjourned 10:37am

Next meeting on Thursday November 12, 2020

- VTrans Project Prioritization and Selection Process methodology for this upcoming season

2020-2021 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:
November 12 / January 14 / March 11