



Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
 Thursday November 12, 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	
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	Jon Mackinnon	
Bridgewater	Jeff Sailer		Norwich	Larry Wiggins Herb Durfee		Thetford	Tom Yennerell	
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea			Plymouth	-		Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret			Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed		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: Peter Gregory and Tory Littlefield, TRORC

- 1. Introductions** – Deb called meeting to order 9:34am.
- Additions to Agenda and Public Comments - none
- 3. Approval of Sept 10 Minutes** – Matt Osborn moved to approve. Bill Hall seconded. Unanimous approval.
- 4. VTrans Project Selection & Prioritization Processes (VPSP2)** – Rita
 Rita presented on the upcoming new Project Selection and Prioritization Process that VTrans and RPCs/TAC will collectively utilize this upcoming 2021 prioritization season. This improved process is to present more transparency to customers on how projects get selected and obligated for construction. The improved process now includes a path in adding Regionally Driven ideas/needs/projects. All projects across 5 modes (Highway, Walkways, Paths and Trails, Rail, Aviation and Transit) will be scored against 8 criteria (asset condition, safety, mobility/connectivity, economic access, community, environment, resiliency and health



access) to generate a **Transportation Value** score. This will assist in the decision making and prioritizing projects. This season the TAC should expect to review and evaluate Paving, Roadway and Traffic Safety projects. Next year, the TAC will review State and Town highway bridges. We will be refining the process as we implement this new process.

5. **Covid Strategies for Winter Maintenance** – Tory Littlefield

Tory recently attended a Vermont Local Roads webinar focused on road crews during Covid winter. Towns should plan for back ups in case a crew member gets ill or needs to quarantine and the town is down staff. Towns can develop mutual aids with neighboring towns for their road crews to come assist in emergencies. Tory has Covid planning funds to assist towns in developing mutual aid agreements for this. This would be deemed a FEMA eligible expense if other towns come assists the requesting town. Or, if you hire a contractor, this is also eligible. Tory also noted that towns should have a Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan for various scenarios as road crews are deemed essential workers. Tory can assist towns on their COOP plans.

Tory recently sent email out to towns on this information. Please contact Tory for more information.

6. **Other business**

- VTrans Better Roads FY21 deadline – December 16, 2020
Rita reminded towns interested in applying for grants to contact her.
- Grants in Aid Year 4 – Rita and Pete are finishing up visiting towns on project scopes. We're waiting on final grant offers to be finalized.

7. Meeting adjourned 11:13am

Next meeting on Thursday January 14, 2021

2021 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:

January 14 / March 11 / May 13 / July 8 / September 6 / November 11