



**Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**  
 Thursday May 13, 2021  
 Zoom Conference Call 9:30AM – 11:00AM

Meeting Summary

Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present
Barnard	Jerry Fredrickson		Hancock	Monica Collins		Royalton	Victoria Paquin	
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	Hannah Tyler Matt Osborn	X	Sharon	Deb Jones	X
Bradford	Nancy Jones Phil Page	X	Hartland	Dave Ormiston		Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer	X	Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Jon Mackinnon	
Bridgewater	Jeff Sailer		Norwich	Larry Wiggins Herb Durfee	X	Thetford	Bryan Gazda	
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea			Plymouth	-		Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret			Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed Tad Nunez	X X	Randolph			West Fairlee	-	
Granville	-		Rochester	Doon Hinderyckx		Woodstock	Neil Leiter	
<b>At-Large Members</b>								
Advance Transit	Van Chesnut			VTrans		Katharine Otto		X
Tri-Valley Transit	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, TRORC

1. **Introductions** – Deb called meeting to order 9:33am.
2. Additions to Agenda and Public Comments - none
3. **Annual Chair/Vice Chair appointments.**  
 Bill Hall motioned for unanimous vote for the current slate of Deb Jones to remain as Chair and Smith Reed as Vice Chair. Tad Nunez seconded. Unanimous approval.
4. **Approval of Mar. 11 Minutes** – Deb Jones moved to approve. Bill Hall seconded. Unanimous approval.
5. **Vermont Project Selection and Prioritization Process (VPSP2) walk through** – Rita  
 Rita reviewed the new project selection and prioritization process discussing the objectives and focus of how projects get onto the Capital Program. Rita reviewed the Potential Asset



Driven Capital projects (Roadway, Traffic and Safety and Paving projects only) reviewing the 8 evaluation criteria on their final Transportation Value score. Bridges will be next year. Rita also discussed Regionally Driven Potential projects and the process for incorporating into the Capital program. The 3 that came up were: Norwich VT10A corridor for corridor study, and VT132 and Bethel Mountain Rd/Camp Brook Rd paving. Rita noted that the 2 paving roads suggested are not technically State highways and were trying to recommend these roads for potential funds through ARPA or the Infrastructure Bill to VTrans. Katharine from VTrans clarified that those two paving roads would not be eligible to submit under the Regionally Driven process. It was suggested that perhaps recommending to VTrans to increase funding in the Class 2 paving programs and overall State Aid for town highways may be better option. It was discussed that Norwich VT10A will be the only Regionally Driven project submitted. Rita reviewed next steps which will be presenting to the TRORC Board on May 26 and submitting the projects to VTrans. Rita also noted to towns that they can start working with her on other potential Regionally Driven projects throughout the year.

#### 6. Other business

- Speed bumps on Class 2 roads – guidance and practice  
Fairlee inquired about speed bump installation on local Class 2 roads. Rita inquired with VTrans and at least at State level they rarely install speed bumps. Rita located this FHWA reference where the correct terminology is speed *humps* not speed *bumps*. The excellent primer below outlines the specific applications of a speed hump with design considerations including speed of road and residential surroundings:  
[https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ePrimer\\_modules/module3pt2.cfm#mod310](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ePrimer_modules/module3pt2.cfm#mod310)

Other resources towns may be interested in:

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle\\_pedestrian/publications/small\\_towns/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/small_towns/)  
<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped/resources>

- VTrans Bike Ped Grant Round  
Rita noted there's a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of VTrans Bike Ped grants open until June 4, 2021. Rita is working with Norwich on a construction grant for a section on Beaver Meadow Road that recently completed a scoping study. Rita also providing assistance to Pomfret for some small scale ped improvement proposals at Teago intersection.
- American Rescue Plan Act – local government allocations  
Rita noted VLCT has webinar on the local portion of ARPA on 5/18/2021 and to sign up for information. Rita briefly scrolled through town allocations and noted there's a County portion as well which may total 3x of the local allocation.

Meeting adjourned 11:00am



*Next meeting on Thursday July 8, 2021*

*2021 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:  
July 8 / September 6 / November 11*