



Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday March 10, 2022

9:30AM – 11:00AM

Zoom Conference Call

Meeting Summary

Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present
Barnard	Jerry Fredrickson	X	Hancock	Dan Perera	X	Royalton	Victoria Paquin	
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	Jeremy Delisle Matt Osborn	X	Sharon	Deb Jones	X
Bradford	Nancy Jones Phil Page		Hartland	Dave Ormiston	X	Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer		Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Lisa Bragg	X
Bridgewater			Norwich	Rod Francis		Thetford	Bryan Gazda	X
Brookfield	Kathryn Threlkeld		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	
At-Large Members								
Advance Transit	Van Chesnut			VTrans Planning Coordinator		Matthew Arancio		X
Tri-Valley Transit	Jim Moulton Jade McClallen Mike Reiderer			VTrans D4 VTrans D7		Chris Bump/Mike Blakslee Shauna Clifford		
Vital Communities				Vermont Local Roads		Todd Eaton		

Guests: Kevin Marshia, VTrans; Peter Gregory, TRORC; Marcey Carver, Bradford; Pat Ross, ANR RME; Otis Munroe, MARC; Scott Jensen, ANR RME; Jaron Borg; ANR RME; Toni Pippy, Strafford.

- 1. Introductions** – Deb called meeting to order 9:32am. Rita roll called attendance.
- Additions to Agenda and Public Comments – none
- 3. Approval of November 10 Minutes** – Jerry Fredrickson moved to approve. Matt Osborn seconded. Unanimous approval.
- 4. VTrans General Fund Bridge Program Proposal** – Kevin Marshia, VTrans
As a result of Congress passing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), they established a General Fund Bridge Program which includes a provision which makes a portion of the funding eligible for 100% federal monies for off-system bridges (Town highway bridges in



the VTrans capital program). There are 2 different categories of bridges that VTrans plans to fund at 100% federal for construction phase as part of this program:

- A) There are 15 town highway bridge projects currently in the Legislature-approved VTrans capital plan where the construction will be 100% federally funded.
- B) Historic bridges including 10 covered bridges and 9 metal trusses.

This IJA bridge funding provision of 100% federal funds during construction phase will affect the following projects in TRORC:

1. Hartford – BR7 on VA Cutoff Rd
2. Stockbridge – BR35 on Bridge St
3. Chelsea – BR46 on Moxley Rd (covered bridge)
4. Hartland – BR22 on Mill St (covered bridge)
5. Bridgewater – BR26 on Mountainside Rd (metal truss bridge)
6. Royalton – BR30 on Royalton Hill Rd (metal truss bridge)

Use www.vtransparency.vermont.gov to check your recent town highway bridge inspection reports and photos.

5. **Recap of the 2020 Project Prioritization on the State and Town Highway Bridge capital program.**
– Rita

Rita reviewed the 2020 list of state and town highway bridges in the Capital program and what the committed projects currently are. Rita reviewed the VPSP2 process for asset driven potential state and town highway bridge projects that VTrans just sent and the 8 criteria that each project will be evaluated to determine their Preliminary Transportation Value. This value will rank projects highest to lowest and this list of potential bridge projects will be reviewed at the May TAC meeting. Rita also reminded towns if they would like to submit a request for a town highway bridge through the Regionally Driven process to reach out to her so she may start evaluating against the 8 criteria. The TAC will review the list of Regionally Driven bridges and submit to VTrans the ones that have a high Preliminary Transportation Value score.

6. **VTrans US Route 4 Corridor Study** – Matthew Arancio, VTrans

Matt previewed the upcoming US Route 4 corridor study that VTrans will be starting this year. The study area is east of where Woodstock village Class 1 ends to Hartford (either at Exit 1 Quechee or US5). Matt is working on coordinating with VTrans staff before officially kicking off the outreach to the region.

7. **Other business** - Rita reminded folks on the following items:

- Grants in Aid Ditching Grants FY23 – due Sept. 30, 2022
- Grants in Aid Equipment Grant – due June 30, 2022
- DEC MRGP REI Annual Report – due April 1, 2022



- VTrans District Annual Class 2 Paving and Structures Grant – due April 15, 2022
- Annual TAC appointment letters to towns – late March
- May TAC – annual Chair/Vice Chair votes

Meeting adjourned 10:34am

Next meeting on Thursday May 12, 2022

2022 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:

May 12 / July 14 / September 8 / November 10