



**Two Rivers-Ottauquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday September 14, 2023

9:30AM – 11:00AM

Zoom Conference Call and Hartford Town Hall

Meeting Summary

Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present
Barnard	Rob Ramrath Jerry Fredrickson	X	Hancock	Dan Perera		Royalton	Victoria Paquin	
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	Bryan Gazda Matt Osborn	X	Sharon	Nicola Shipman	X
Bradford	Marcey Carver Phil Page	X	Hartland	Martin Dole		Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer	X	Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Lisa Bragg	
Bridgewater			Norwich			Theford		
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea	Doug Lyford		Plymouth			Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret	Jon Harrington		Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed Ryan Lockwood	X	Randolph			West Fairlee	Delsie Hoyt	
Granville	Mark Belisle	X	Rochester	Doon Hinderyckx		Woodstock	Eric Duffy	

**At-Large Members**

Advance Transit	Adams Carroll		VTrans Planning Coordinator	Matthew Arancio/ Lauren Masseria	X X
Tri-Valley Transit	Jim Moulton Jade McClallen Mike Reiderer		VTrans D4 VTrans D7	Chris Bump/Mike Blakslee Logan Perron	
Vital Communities	Ellen Hender John Haffner	X	Vermont Local Roads	Todd Eaton	

Guests: Geena Baber, TRORC; Karl Kemintzer, Sierra Club; Otis Munroe, VTrans Environmental

- 1. Introductions** – Mark Belisle called meeting to order 9:32am. Rita roll called attendance.
- Additions to Agenda and Public Comments – none
- Approval of May 11 minutes – Bill Hall motioned to approve. Bob Moyer, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.
- VTrans Resilience Improvement Plan** – Otis Munroe, VTrans Environmental  
Otis presented on VTrans RIP which was developed so VTrans can access PROTECT funds at 90/10 and also projects listed under RIP can bypass the Benefit-Cost Analysis requirement. VTrans looked at State and Local infrastructure damages in previous FEMA declared disasters and identified projects that meet performance measures (repeat damage, transit resilience, social vulnerability index, resilience for freight, coordination with other plans). Links to the project:



- [Vermont Agency of Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan Story Map](#)
- [DRAFT Resilience Improvement Plan Analysis](#)
- [Prioritized list of Locations with the Capital Program](#)

Next step is to review final RIP for VTrans approval and apply for funding. Rita asked if local structures identified, if towns need to apply directly to FHWA PROTECT. Otis noted it's too early to determine but for now probably yes.

Rita will get a list of local projects in TRORC and send out for towns awareness.

- 5. VTrans US5 Bicycle Corridor Legislative Survey** – Lauren Masseria, VTrans PPAID  
Lauren presented on how VTrans will partner with RPCs to respond to a Legislative request to gauge municipal support for the creation of a bicycle corridor — consisting of one or more segments of bicycle lanes or bicycle paths, or both — along Rt.5 from Massachusetts to Quebec. The survey will assess the creation of a bicycle corridor that is roughly adjacent to US Route 5 for the 190 miles from Massachusetts to Canada. The survey will also address:
  - Level of interest and prioritization
  - Locations of interest and/or concern
  - Corridor use and user informationVTrans currently drafting survey that will then be distributed to the Towns with US5 going through them. Bryan Gazda noted depending on which town official (Selectboard, Planning Commission, Highway staff), each may have different interest levels for a conceptual plan. VTrans needs to submit to Legislature summary of survey in January 2024.
- 6. Vermont's first Transportation Demand Management Week - September 16-23, 2023** – Rita / Ellen Hender, Vital Communities (15mins)  
Rita noted that TDM is focused on transportation not on single occupancy vehicles (carpooling, vanpooling, transit, walking and bicycling and telecommuting) and Ellen noted of locally planned TDMs events.
  - **Saturday, Sept 18:** Advance Transit expanded services first Saturday launch and evening weekday service from 6pm to 9pm.
  - **Thursday, Sept 21:** Bugbee Senior Center in White River Junction will be hosting the third workshop in its Making Connections series, a transportation workshop series for older adults interested in becoming local advocates for independent mobility options for all ages and abilities. (TAC noted this might be an interesting presentation for the next meeting).
- 7. Other business (Rita)**
  - Recap Sharon Park and Ride 502 public hearing  
Rita reported VTrans held public hearing on final layout of expansion of Park and Ride to include bus shelter, sidewalks, and lighting. Construction estimated summer 2025. While it is closed to construction, detour is to Exit 3 Royalton Park and Ride.
  - FY23 VTrans Grants in Aid Extension – deadline 9/30/2024. Rita reminded towns of extension agreement by VTrans sent for signing. Rita will work with towns on completion and reimbursement.



- FY25 VTrans Better Roads applications – October to December 2023 deadline. Rita reminded folks if there's culvert or ditching project interested for grant application to reach out for assistance.

Meeting adjourned 10:45am

***Next meeting on Thursday November 9, 2023***

**2023 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:**

Nov 9