



Two Rivers-Ottauquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday March 7, 2024

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		Hancock	Dan Perera		Royalton	Victoria Paquin	X
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	John Haverstock Matt Osborn	X	Sharon	Nicola Shipman	X
Bradford	Marcey Carver Phil Page	X	Hartland	John Campbell		Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer		Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Lisa Bragg	X
Bridgewater			Norwich	Brennan Duffy		Theford	Brian Story	X
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea	Doug Lyford		Plymouth			Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret			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	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		Vermont Local Roads	Todd Eaton	

Guests: Karl Kemintzer, Sierra Club

- 1. Introductions** – Smith Reed called meeting to order 9:32am. Rita roll called attendance.
2. Additions to Agenda and Public Comments – none
3. Approval of November 9 minutes – Victoria Paquin motioned to approve. Bill Hall, 2nd. All approved.
4. **US5 bike corridor survey summary** – Matthew Arancio, VTrans
Matthew reviewed the US5 bike corridor survey results that was presented to the Legislature. The survey was sent to all the towns along US5 and the 4 RPCs in the fall. There were 2 responses per town (Selectboard and Planning Commission) and from RPC. 21 of 36 towns responded in support and 3 of 4 RPCs responded in support of a planning study. Next steps still



remain to be seen for budgeting and proceeding with a planning study. Matthew recommended to continue the conversation and see if there are opportunities to join current VTrans planning initiatives like the On-Road Bike Plan which includes assessing priority bicycle corridors.

5. **Vermont Project Selection and Prioritization update** – Rita

Rita recapped on the new project selection and prioritization methodology from the last 3 years as well as projects currently in the capital program (state and town highway bridges, paving, traffic and safety and roadway projects). Rita also presented on a presentation on inflation costs in construction from VTrans, noting some of the factors why the project selection and prioritization is pausing for this year.

6. **VTrans Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)** - Rita

Rita reviewed the VTrans RIP plan and focused on the town projects identified.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f67e4a5fa5404f008682b8da3f401be2>

The impetus for this RIP is drawn from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost- saving Transportation (PROTECT) formula funds program introduced as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. Rita reviewed 9 town projects identified in the RIP. These project lists represent potential candidates for investment of PROTECT formula funds or federal or state grant applications.

- Hartford – Center of Town culvert
- Hartland – Mace Hill Rd culvert
- Pomfret – Cloudland Rd culvert (across the Appalachian Trail – upgraded in 2022).
- Plymouth – Crown Point Rd culvert
- Stockbridge – Fletcher Brook Rd bridge by Stony Brook Rd intersection
- Royalton – Royalton Hill Rd bridge
- Rochester – School St/Brook St culvert
- Hancock – Taylor Brook Rd culvert
- West Fairlee – Middle Brook Rd culvert

The PROTECT funds are still new and unsure of next steps – if Towns try to apply individually or VTrans applies. Rita will reach out to Towns for awareness and discussion of the project priority.

7. Other business (Rita)

- Municipal Roads General Permit annual report/dues – deadline April 1, 2024
- VTrans District Class 2 Roadway/Structures grants – deadline April 15, 2024

Meeting adjourned 10:40am

Next meeting on Thursday May 9, 2024 – Bethel Town Hall

2024 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:

May 9 / July 11 / Sept 12 / Nov 7