



Two Rivers-Ottauquechee RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday Nov. 7, 2024

9:30AM – 11:00AM

Zoom Conference Call and Bethel Town Hall

Meeting Summary

Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present	Town	Representative	Present
Barnard	Kassie Hull	X	Hancock	Dan Perera		Royalton	Victoria Paquin	X
Bethel	Bill Hall	X	Hartford	John Haverstock Matt Osborn		Sharon	Nicola Shipman	
Bradford	Nancy Jones		Hartland	John Campbell		Stockbridge	-	
Braintree	Bob Moyer	X	Newbury	Bob Beaulieu		Strafford	Lisa Bragg	
Bridgewater			Norwich	Brennan Duffy		Thetford	Brian Story	X
Brookfield			Pittsfield	George Deblon		Topsham	Jim Bulger	
Chelsea	Doug Lyford		Plymouth			Tunbridge	Michael Sacca	
Corinth	Joe Blodgett		Pomfret	Doug Tuthill		Vershire	-	
Fairlee	Smith Reed Ryan Lockwood	X X	Randolph			West Fairlee	Delsie Hoyt	X
Granville	Mark Belisle	X	Rochester	Doon Hinderyckx		Woodstock	Eric Duffy	
At-Large Members								
Advance Transit	Adams Carroll Trish Palao		X	VTrans Planning Coordinator		Faith Dall		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: Karl Kemintzer, Sierra Club; Laura Stone, VTrans; Zoe Neaderland, VTrans

- 1. Introductions** – Smith called meeting to order 9:32am. Rita roll called attendance.
- Additions to Agenda and Public Comments – none
- Approval of Sept. 12 minutes – Bill Hall motioned to approve. Victoria Paquin, 2nd. All approved.
- Bradford US5 Bridge 91 plans – Laura Stone, VTrans Project Manager/Scoping Engineer**
Rita introduced Laura and the State Highway bridge project that had been on the regional project priority list for a long time.

Laura presented the bridge's existing conditions and walked through the 5 alternatives (1 no build, 2 rehab and 2 full replacements). Alternative 4 is a new full bridge replacement



along with 5ft sidewalk and 11ft travel lanes – 5ft shoulders/bike lanes was the selected alternative to move forward. It is anticipated for 2027 construction with a full detour onto VT25B at an estimated cost of \$4.7 million (80% federal, 20% state, 0% local – although Town will be on the hook for costs to relocate town water/sewer/utilities off bridge). Town also inquired to provide comments on bridge railing design and possible lighting on the bridge. There will be a public information officer when project is ready for construction.

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/22B388>

VTrans Rail Plan update and Corridor ID Program – Zoe Neaderland, VTrans Systems Planning

Zoe presented on the VTrans Rail Plan update from 2021 to refresh inventory data. Zoe also touched upon resiliency, safety, climate impacts and equity (access to Amtrak stations). Zoe presented on the 2021 Rail Plan priority projects. She updated on the Boston-Montreal line and that US/Canada Customs and Border working on building secure facility at Central Station in Montreal. Zoe invited folks for feedback on the Rail Plan. The Corridor ID Program is from the Federal Rail Administration to facilitate the development of intercity passenger rail corridors.

www.vtrans.vermont.gov/rail/reports

5. Other business (Rita) – Rita reviewed and briefly explained each grant program, deadline and offered any grant application assistance to towns.
 - VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program/Municipal Highway Stormwater Mitigation Grant – due Dec. 31, 2024
 - VTrans Better Roads grant (Category B/C/D)– due Dec. 27, 2024
 - VTrans Better Roads grant (Category A – road erosion inventory) – due Dec. 31, 2024

Meeting adjourned 10:34am

Next meeting on *Thursday Jan. 9, 2025 – Hartford Town Hall, conference room 2*

2025 TRORC TAC Meeting Dates:

Jan 9 / Mar 13 / May 8 / July 10 / Sept 11 / Nov 13