

CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes January 26, 2016

Barre City: Scott Bascom -	Northfield: - Jeff Schultz - Absent
Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen -	Orange: Lee Cattaneo
Berlin:– Bob Wernecke -	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
Cabot: Kevin Lehoe – Absent	Roxbury: Gerry D’Amico - Absent
Calais: David Ellenbogen	Waitsfield: Don LaHaye
Duxbury:	Warren: - Absent
East Montpelier: Frank Pratt - Absent	Washington: Ray McCormack - Absent
Fayston: Kevin Russell - Absent	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich - Absent
Marshfield:– Absent	Williamstown: Larry Hebert -
Middlesex: Ronald Krauth - Absent	Woodbury:
Montpelier:– Dona Bate -	Worcester: Bill Arrand - Absent
Moretown: Joyce Manchester	Staff: Steve Gladczuk, Bonnie Waninger
Others: Dan Peck – VHB, Patti Colburn – VTrans, Chris Loyer, Donna Rae Decatur - GMT	

Meeting started at 7:05

1. **Introductions**

2. **Agenda Adjustments and Public Comments**

Staff added Town Highway & VTrans Projects Prioritization.

3. **Barre Town VT 110 /Mill St. Intersection Presentation**

The consultant presented the project. The TAC asked why a roundabout and bike lanes weren't considered. Aren't all VTrans projects supposed to conform to the Vermont Complete Streets Law? When the intersection was studied in 2001, there was no complete streets law, and the Town didn't identify the need. Staff pointed out there are exceptions to the Complete Streets Law. There are a lot of constraints in the project area, such as lack of shoulders, slopes & grades, and there is a gas station at the intersection. If VTrans did widen the area, it would only effect a small area, and would be costly. The Town is considering building an adjacent bridge for utilities, that may include a sidewalk. Then pedestrians wouldn't have to cross VT 110. The TAC asked if "sharrows" or "Share to Road" signs could be added. The Millstone Hill Path is less than a mile away. VTrans will take a closer look at what can be done.

4. **Approve October TAC Minutes**

Joyce motioned, Lee seconded, & the TAC voted to approve the minutes with edits.

5. **Prioritize District Leveling Projects.**

Staff explained the table provide, and the TAC considered the 2014 Condition, past and future projects, and High Crash Locations. The TAC discussed what they knew about each project area. Dona made the motion, Don seconded, and the motion passed to rank the bridges in the following order: VT 12 Roxbury-Northfield; VT 17 Fayston-Waitsfield; VT 14 Calais-Hardwick; VT 12 Middlesex-Worcester; VT 110 Washington-Barre Town; and US 2 Marshfield.

6. **Town Highway & VTrans Projects Prioritization.**

Staff explained what the columns meant, and showed pictures of the bridges. Some of the pre-candidates aren't near the top of VTrans ranking, because the Towns asked to make a statement that those bridges have needs, but don't fit in with the Town Highway or Structures Program. Staff asked if more information is needed. The discussion will continue at the next meeting. Priorities are due in the end of March.

7. **Changes to the FY 2017 Vermont Better Roads Program**

Staff explained funding has been added, the Manual will be updated, paved roads are eligible, there are more Categories, technical assistance, and training. **The Meeting ended at 9:15.**