



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 7 p.m.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office
29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier

AGENDA

1. **Introductions**
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Approve July TAC Minutes** (enclosed) **Possible Action Item.**
5. **FFY16 TPI Work Program & Budget Adjustment** (will be provided at meeting) **Possible Action Item.**
6. **Housing + Transportation Affordability Analysis**, *Marian Wolz, Assistant Planner*
Traditional measures of housing affordability ignore the cost of transportation, typically a household's second largest expenditure. As part of *Plan Central Vermont*, CVRPC completed a Location Affordability Analysis to further the concept in Central Vermont.
7. **Road Foreman Roundtable**
TAC suggestions for future topics of interest to towns.
8. **Transportation Updates** (enclosed)
An opportunity for TAC members to ask questions about the updates.
9. **TAC Member Concerns**
Roundtable for any issues, questions, and town updates TAC members would like to convey.
10. **Set Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting**
 - CVRPC Commission meeting, October 11, 7pm - Michelle Boomhower, VTrans Director of Policy Planning & Intermodal Development, and Kevin Marshia, Highway Division Director / Chief Engineer, to discuss Agency future challenges, ongoing/evolving Agency initiatives, the FY17 budget, and regional issues of interest. TAC members welcome. If a quorum of TAC will be present, CVRPC will warn it as a TAC meeting under Open Meeting Law.
 - TAC meeting, October 25, 7pm – Ideas: VTrans Forest Management Plan, VTrans Street Tree Policy, VT Forests, Parks & Recreation Resilient Rights of Way project, Statewide Parcel Mapping Program, Mad River Valley Active Transportation Plan presentation, TAC Rules of Procedure/Quorum issues, VTrans Transportation Impact Fees, others???
11. **Adjourn** 29 Main Street Suite 4 Montpelier Vermont 05602
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CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
DRAFT Minutes -- July 26, 2016

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| Barre City: Scott Bascom - x | Northfield: - Jeff Schultz - Absent |
| Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen - Absent | Orange: Lee Cattaneo - Absent |
| Berlin: - Bob Wernecke - x | Plainfield: Bob Atchinson - x |
| Cabot: Kevin Lehoe - Absent | Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico - Absent |
| Calais: David Ellenbogen - Absent | Waitsfield: Don LaHaye - x |
| Duxbury: Vacant | Warren: - Absent |
| East Montpelier: Frank Pratt - x | Washington: Ray McCormack - Absent |
| Fayston: Kevin Russell - x | Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich - x |
| Marshfield: Vacant | Williamstown: Larry Hebert - Absent |
| Middlesex: Ronald Krauth - x | Woodbury: Vacant |
| Montpelier: - Dona Bate - Absent | Worcester: Bill Arrand - Absent |
| Moretown: Joyce Manchester - x | Staff: Steve Gladczuk |
| Others: Jon Kaplan, VTrans | |

Meeting started at 7:00pm.

1. Field trip to the Barre Montpelier Road

Bicycle riders met the bus at the VTrans Training Center parking lot and boarded the bus for the tour of the Road Diet project. Overall, people liked what they saw. The bus driver also appreciated the road diet changes. Most comments were about bicycles or vehicles not doing what they are supposed to be doing. Education is needed, such as how to drive in the two-way left turn, bicycle law, etc. VTrans will make some minor changes and repair the final configuration as needed. VTrans is leaning towards keeping the road diet active for two years to allow for a full performance evaluation of speeds, travel time, safety, etc. Two months doesn't provide enough data for a comparison, especially for safety. Bicycle traffic is reported to have increased. Riders feel more comfortable especially at intersections. Travel time has increased by 7 seconds.

2. Agenda to the Adjustments

None

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approve June TAC Minutes

Scott Bascom moved to approve the June minutes as presented; Ron Krauth seconded. Motion carried.

5. Agenda for the Future TAC Meeting

The TAC will not meet in August unless something comes up.

The Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

September 21, 2016

These updates are aimed at keeping the TAC informed about potential modifications to State programs and practices that may affect transportation, CVRPC transportation initiatives, VT's Clean Water Act, and other news that may be of interest.

CVRPC Transportation Program Staffing: Steve Gladczyk, Senior Planner, is on leave for an extended period due to a medical condition. For transportation assistance, contact:

- *Transportation Program contact, VTrans contact, policy issues, TAC support:* Bonnie Waninger, Waninger@cvregion.com
- *Counts and data, inventories, road foreman roundtable, RPC/VTrans monthly meeting:* Ashley Andrews, Andrews@cvregion.com
- *Mapping, municipal technical assistance:* Dan Currier, currier@cvregion.com
- *Transportation plan review, road ordinance assistance:* Eric Vorwald, Vorwald@cvregion.com

Rt. 100 Proposed Improvements (Waterbury-Stowe): This project extends from US 2 in Waterbury to ~Cliff Street in Morrisville. It includes rehabilitation of the road surface, correcting superelevation deficiencies, new pavement marking, guardrails, signs and other highway related items. Draft plans are available for review at CVRPC. CVRPC will be offering comments related to inconsistent treatment of bicycle signage within the project, separation of bicycle and pedestrian traffic from vehicle traffic on bridges over I-89, access management, consideration of a recently submitted Act 250 application in the corridor, and Gregg Hill Road stop sign configuration. See enclosed map.

Act 174 Stakeholders Meeting: Staff attended an Act 174 stakeholders meeting aimed at gaining public feedback on new standards to be used for evaluation of the energy component of municipal and regional plans, and how those plans contribute to the state's greenhouse gas emissions, renewable, and other energy policies and priorities. As defined under the Act, energy includes electricity generation siting and use (wind and solar) and "total energy across all sectors" including transportation and fossil fuel use and thermal energy. Towns and regions that prepare plans meeting the standards will receive "substantial deference" in the Section 248 Certificate of Public Good regulatory process. Planning to the standards is not mandated. The Department must have the standards developed by November 1. The transportation discussion focused primarily on standards related to smart growth and land use patterns that will help drive transportation emissions reductions.

Clean Water Financing Report: Act 64 directed the Office of the State Treasurer, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Taxes and other state agencies, to prepare a report recommending how to fund water quality improvements in the state over the long term. A series of stakeholder meetings was held in the spring to assess clean water costs and revenue options. A second round of stakeholder meetings will occur this fall to gather additional input (schedule available at

<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/cwf/future>). A mid-November public meeting will discuss potential funding sources. As of now, there are several transportation related revenue sources – gas/diesel taxes, registration fees, tolling, etc. - being considered.

State Agency Energy Plan: VTrans' energy plan will include a chapter that describes significantly increasing solar projects in the ROW and other agency owned/managed land holdings, the economic and environmental benefits of investing in solar, an evaluation of various financial options, planning processes for identifying and permitting sites, including consultation with municipalities, and the types of sites that make the most sense. VTrans' consultants have reached out to ANR and others regarding recommended processes for federal and state environmental review.

State Highway Corridor Plans: VTrans is considering changes to the corridor planning process to move away from plans that result in massive construction improvement recommendations towards plans that result in actions that can be achieved in a shorter timeframe (a couple of years). The new focus would be safety improvements and economic development response with activities such as paint and signs, like pop-up planning. The new focus would be less about engineering and more about the reality of state and federal finances.

Montpelier WACR M&B Bridge 305: The bridge recently underwent an in-depth inspection as part of the scoping phase of the Montpelier WACR(8) project. During the course of this inspection, substantial deterioration was found on primary load carrying members. VTrans is evaluating the repair/rehab options.

Transportation Grants Available: Two grant programs are available to municipalities in September and October.

The *Transportation Alternatives* program funds seven types of projects. The majority of applications are usually for bicycle and pedestrian facility projects and environmental mitigation activities. This grant will fund stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.

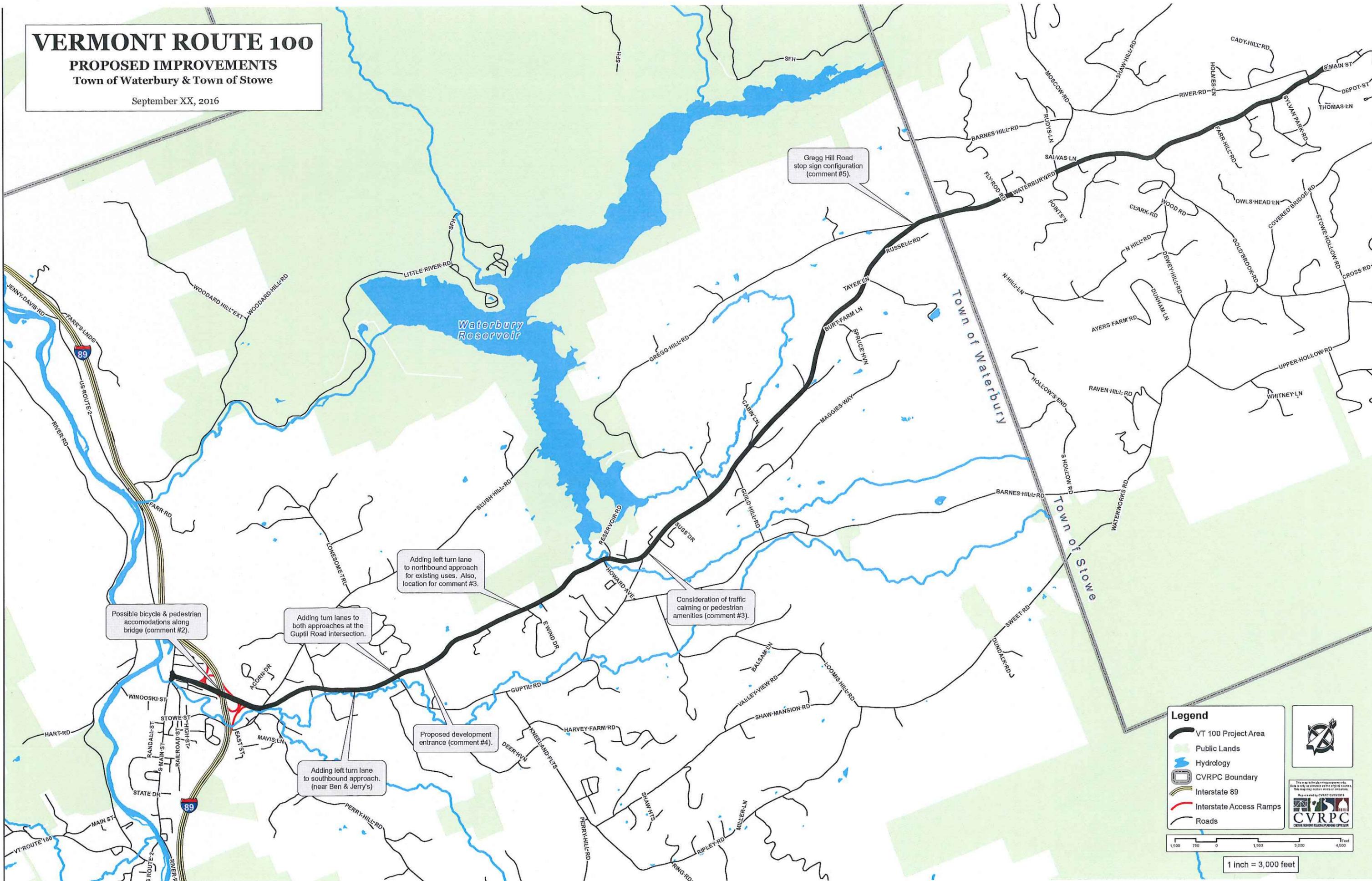
The *Better Connections* grant is a partnership between VTrans and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The program seeks to align state and local investments to increase transportation options and build resilience and economic vitality in Vermont's community centers. Project examples include the Montpelier's Complete Streets street typing effort and the Mad River Valley's Active Transportation Plan. Funds can also be used to develop guidelines and bylaws that integrate transportation and land use in specific areas, community-driven physical plans for future improvements, and Corridor Transportation and Land Use Plans.

VERMONT ROUTE 100

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Town of Waterbury & Town of Stowe

September XX, 2016



Legend

- VT 100 Project Area
- Public Lands
- Hydrology
- CVRPC Boundary
- Interstate 89
- Interstate Access Ramps
- Roads

1 inch = 3,000 feet

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