

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

DRAFT Minutes

February 27, 2018

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Office

Attendees:

	Barre City: Scott Bascom		Northfield: Jeff Schultz
X	Barre Town: Harry Hinrichsen	X	Orange: Lee Cattaneo
X	Berlin: Robert Wernecke, Vice- Chair	X	Plainfield: Bob Atchinson
	Cabot: Karen Deasy		Roxbury: Gerry D'Amico
	Calais: David Ellenbogen	X	Waitsfield: Don La Haye
X	Duxbury: Alan Quackenbush		Warren: Camilla Behn
X	East Montpelier: Frank Pratt		Washington: Ray McCormack
	Fayston: Kevin Russell	X	Waterbury: Steve Lotspeich, Chair
	Marshfield: Vacant		Williamstown: Vacant
X	Middlesex: Ronald Krauth		Woodbury: Vacant
X	Montpelier: Dona Bate		Worcester: Bill Arrand
X	Moretown: Joyce Manchester	X	Staff: Daniel Currier

Guests: Zoe Neaderland (VTrans)

Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Introductions were completed.

A quorum of members were not present so no action could be taken on the agenda items.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Public Comments:

R. Krauth shared a news article on Amtrak CEO saying that passenger trains will not run over tracks without Positive Trail Contrail. Currently VT tracks do not have this type of contrail. Both VTrans and the VT Rail Council are discussing this issue.

Approval of January TAC Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

Review and Approval of TPI Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

D. Currier presented to the TAC a revised CVRPC FFY 18 Transportation Planning Initiative budget. The budget reflects changes to Task 4 – Short Range Planning to allow for the funding of the Waterbury Stowe St Bridge Alternative Analysis and additional field work by CVRPC staff. A summary of the budget adjustments by task is included below:

Task	Task Description	Approved	Amended	Difference	% Change
Task 1	Administration	\$27,185	\$27,178	(\$7)	-0.02%
Task 2	Public Participation & Coordination	\$43,105	\$43,105	\$0	0.00%
Task 3	Long Range Planning	\$29,343	\$29,343	\$0	0.00%
Task 4	Short Range Planning	\$100,528	\$106,097	\$5,569	5.54%
Task 5	Project Development	\$26,209	\$20,647	(\$5,562)	-21.22%
Task 6	Other Planning	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL		\$231,370	\$231,370	\$0	

In total \$15,000 of the Task 4 Short Range Planning budget will be used for the Waterbury Stowe St Bridge Alternative. Discusses ensued on the budget. The TAC helped a consensus vote, which was unanimous, to pass the budget adjustments onto the CVRPC executive committee for approval.

Prioritization of VTrans Capital Program Projects

D. Currier next presented to the TAC the list of Capital Program Projects for ranking. In order for VTrans to spend funds on a project it must be listed in the Transportation Capital Program. VTrans submits a Capital Program to the legislature each year and the legislature must approve the list in order for projects to advance. The Capital Program categorizes projects according to the following status:

Candidate – A project gets on the Candidate list after it has completed the planning process and has been accepted by CVRPC and passed onto VTrans.

Development & Evaluation (D&E) – A project moves from the Candidate list to the Development & Evaluation list if preliminary plans are expected within 12 to 24 months.

Front-of-the-Book (FOB) – Front-of-the-Book projects are part of VTrans four-year program. A project moves from the Development & Evaluation list to Front-of-the-Book when it has completed preliminary plan development.

The TAC Capital Program Project list included a total of 22 projects in the following program areas paving, roadway, bridge (State and Town) and safety/traffic projects. Each project was presented and its ranking discussed. The TAC helped a consensus vote, which was unanimous, to rank the projects as follows:

FY18 CVRPC Ranking	VTrans Project Type/Status	Town Name	Project Number	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
<u>Paving</u>				
1	Front Of Book	PLAINFIELD-DANVILLE	NH PS19(1)	Resurfacing along US 2 from Plainfield MM 0.987 to Danville MM 1.755.
<u>Roadway</u>				
1	Front Of Book	WATERBURY	FEGC F 013-4(13)	RECONSTRUCTION OF MAIN ST IN VILLAGE OF WATERBURY BEGINNING 0.04 MILE EAST OF VT100 NO. INTERSECTION EXTENDING EASTERLY 0.98 MILE.
2	Front Of Book	BARRE CITY-BARRE TOWN	MEGC M 6000(11)	RECONSTRUCTION OR RELOCATION OF THE VT14/QUARRY ST. INTERSECTION AND QUARRY HILL RD.
3	Front Of Book	EAST MONTPELIER	NH CULV(54)	Rehabilitation of culvert PID# 120073 located on US 2 at mp 2.83
4	Front Of Book	ROXBURY	STP SCRP(26)	Rehabilitation of culvert PID #15914 located in Roxbury on VT12A at twm mm 4.986.
5	Front Of Book	CABOT-DANVILLE	FEGC F 028-3(26)C/3	RECONSTRUCTION OF US2 IN CABOT AND DANVILLE, BEGINNING 5.29 MILES EAST OF THE MARSHFIELD-CABOT T/L AND EXTENDING EASTERLY 1.29 MILES.
6	Front Of Book	WATERBURY	STP 0284(31)	Remediation of rock cut #115 located in Waterbury on US 2 at twm mm 0.67 WB.
<u>State Highway Bridges</u>				
1	Front Of Book	MORETOWN	BF 0167(16)	Replace Bridge no. 2 on VT-100B in Moretown over the Mad River.
2	Front Of Book	CALAIS	BHF 037-2(12)	REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE NO. 77 ON VT14 IN CALAIS, OVER KINGSBURY BRANCH.
3	Front Of Book	CALAIS	BHF 037-2(10)	REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 74 ON VT14 IN CALAIS, OVER PEKIN BROOK.
4	Front Of Book	CALAIS	BHF 037-2(11)	REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 82 ON VT14 IN CALAIS, OVER KINGSBURY BRANCH.
5	D & E	BERLIN	BF 026-1(43)	SCOPING TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES FOR BRIDGE NO. 3 ON US302 IN BERLIN, OVER THE STEVENS BRANCH.
6	D & E	WATERBURY	BF 0284(33)	SCOPING TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES FOR BRIDGE NO. 44 ON US2 IN WATERBURY, OVER THE LITTLE RIVER.
7	D & E	BARRE TOWN	BF 0169(12)	SCOPING TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES FOR BRIDGE NO. 21 ON VT110 IN BARRE TOWN, OVER JAIL BROOK.
8	Candidate	WORCESTER	BHF 0241()	WIDENING BR84 ON VT12 IN THE TOWN OF WORCESTER OVER THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE WINOOSKI RIVER
<u>Town Highway Bridges</u>				

1	Front Of Book	MONTPELIER	BO 1446(36)	REPLACEMENT OF BR13 ON CUMMINGS ST. IN MONTPELIER, OVER THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE WINOOSKI RIVER.
2	Candidate	WATERBURY	BO 1446()	SCOPING TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES FOR BRIDGE NO. 36 ON TH2 (STOWE ST.) IN WATERBURY VILLAGE, OVER THATCHER BROOK.
3	Candidate	CABOT	BF 0249()	SCOPING TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES FOR BRIDGE NO. 7 ON FAS 0249 IN CABOT, OVER THE WINOOSKI RIVER.
Traffic & Safety				
1	Front Of Book	BARRE TOWN	HES STPG 6100(6)	PROJECT IS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VT14/BRIDGE ST./STERLING HILL ROAD INTERSECTION IN SOUTH BARRE.
2	Front Of Book	PLAINFIELD	NH 028-3(41)	Project is for improvements to the intersection of US Route 2 and Town Highway 1 (Main Street) in the Town of Plainfield.
3	Front Of Book	BARRE TOWN	STP HES 0169(8)	GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VT110/BIANCHI ST. (TH84)/OLD US302 (TH125) IN BARRE TOWN.
4	Front Of Book	BARRE CITY	HES 037-1(8)	IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VT14 (MAPLE AVE.)/MERCHANT ST. INTERSECTION IN BARRE CITY, INCLUDING REALIGNMENT OF MERCHANT STREET.

Transportation Updates

Dan reviewed the transportation updates.

TAC Member Concerns

TAC member shared local ballot items up for vote on Town Meeting.

B. Atchinson talked about the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House parking and the option to purchase a residential lot to expand their parking onto.

F. Pratt shared more details on the accident at the US 2/Towne Hill Rd and let the TAC know that it was a GMT bus that slid through the intersection.

TAC Talked about the March meeting and that there was a number of regular member who will not be able to attend. D. Currier will sent out to poll to check on TAC members availability and if we should reschedule the March meeting.

Set Agenda for March

Berlin Exit 7 Park and Ride Alternatives Presentation and GMT NextGen Plan Update

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.