



## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Attendees:						
X	Barre City	Michael Hellein		X	Moretown	Joyce Manchester
X	Barre Town	Stephanie Magnan				Dara Torre, Alt
		Sebastian Arduengo, Alt			Northfield	Jon Ignatowski
X	Berlin	Robert Wernecke				Patrick Demasi, Alt
	Cabot	John Cookson		X	Orange	Lee Cattaneo
X	Calais	David Ellenbogen		X	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson
		Karin McNeill, Alt		X	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
X	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush		X	Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.			Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
X	E. Montpelier	Frank Pratt		X	Washington	Peter Carbee
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		X	Waterbury	Steve Lotspeich (Chair)
	Marshfield	Robin Schunk		X	Williamstown	Richard Turner
X	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth			Woodbury	Chris Koteas
X	Montpelier	Dona Bate		X	Worcester	Bill Arrand
<b>Staff:</b> Christian Meyer						
<b>Guests:</b> Amanda Holland (AOT)						

Chair Steve Lotspeich called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

#### Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present

#### Adjustments to the Agenda

- Steve Lotspeich added a discussion on hybrid meetings to the round table discussion.

#### Public Comments

- None

#### Planning Technicians Update

- Staff let the committee know that one planning technician has started with the RPC and that staff is hopeful we may be able to bring a second on board.

#### Review of Draft April Meeting Minutes

- Robert Wernecke made the motion, seconded by Alan Quackenbush, *to accept the April TAC meeting minutes as presented*. The motion carried.

### **VPSP2 Asset-Driven Bridge Project Acceptance**

- Staff briefly reviewed the VPSP2 process and how the regional inputs feed into the final scoring of each project. Staff had hoped to present final transportation values (TV) for both the asset-driven projects and the regional priorities during the May meeting. However, due to the VAOT work flow, transportation values will not be finalized until all projects have been submitted to the Agency at the end of the month. Therefore, staff asked the committee to endorse the regional inputs as opposed to endorsing a ranking of the projects, as has been done in the past. Dona Bate asked if something like integrating combined sewer outflows (CSO) in a bridge design is included in the environmental inputs. Staff stated that they were unsure but would recommend this question for future year's consideration. David Ellenbogen asked about some of the bridges that had no shoulder at all and hoped that shoulders would be considered especially where there are non-motorized users. Staff called out several examples where the bridges had extremely low volumes so shoulders were not being considered and added that the region would advocate for shoulders, especially on priority cycling routes. Further discussion ensued on how resilience should be incorporated in a project, with Ronald Krauth pointing out the Rabbit Hollow Road Bridge should consider the effect its failure could have on the rail line that runs directly under it. Staff stated that they would note this in their submission to VAOT. Robert Wernecke moved *to endorse the regional inputs for the asset driven projects as presented for inclusion in the 2022 VPSP2*, Bob Atchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried, with David Ellenbogen abstaining.

### **VPSP2 Regional Bridge Priorities Acceptance**

- Staff reviewed the three regional priority projects, Barre City Bridge #5, Plainfield Bridge #21, and Waterbury Bridge #47, that were being considered for inclusion in the VPSP2 and how regional inputs were calculated for these projects. Stephanie Magnan pointed out that Rural Community Transportation runs a commuter route down Route 14 that should impact the scoring for the Barre City Bridge #5 proposal. Staff stated they would update the regional tables before submitting them to VAOT. Bob Atchinson moved *to endorse the regional inputs for the regional priorities, as modified, for inclusion in the 2022 VPSP2*, Richard Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

1   **TAC Member Round Table**

- 2       • Bob Atchinson updated the group that the Main Street pedestrian bridge in Plainfield is  
3       99% complete. The façade work is nearly complete. Bob Atchinson added that the EV  
4       station is open.
- 5       • Ronald Krauth noted that he has seen a lot of good bridge work under way, especially  
6       headed up Route 14.
- 7       • David Ellenbogen brought up initiating hybrid meetings. Staff noted the office is  
8       currently still closed and that we would expect that the Executive Committee to update  
9       this status in coming months.
- 10       ○ Robert Wernecke stated that he favored hybrid meetings and thought this  
11       probably had some advantages for gas savings and reduced green-house gas  
12       emissions.
- 13       ○ David Ellenbogen supported providing a hybrid option and noted how it has  
14       helped encourage attendance.
- 15       • Staff noted that any municipalities interested in regional support on a Bike and  
16       Pedestrian Program funding application should reach out.

17   **Adjourn**

18   Don LaHaye made the motion, seconded by Peter Carbee, *to adjourn*. By unanimous consent,  
19   the motion carried.

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21   The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.