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Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, October 22 ,2024

Attendees:					
	Barre City		x	Northfield	Thomas Davis
	Barre Town				Jeff Schulz, Alt
x	Berlin	Robert Wernecke		Orange	Lee Cattaneo
	Cabot	John Cookson	x	Plainfield	Bob Atchinson (Chair)
x	Calais	David Ellenbogen (Vice Chair)	x	Roxbury	Gerry D'Amico
		Karin McNeill, Alt	x	Waitsfield	Don LaHaye
x	Duxbury	Alan Quackenbush	x		Alice Peal, Alt
		Bill Whitehair, Alt.		Warren	Michael Bridgewater, Alt
x	E. Montpelier	Adam Stanforth	x	Washington	Peter Carbee
		Jen Devine, Alt			
	Fayston	Donald Simonini		Waterbury	Mike Hedges
	Marshfield	Todd Eaton	x		Doug Greason, Alt
x	Middlesex	Ronald Krauth		Williamstown	Richard Turner
x	Montpelier	Dona Bate	x	Woodbury	Michael Gray
x	Moretown	Joyce Manchester			
				Worcester	Bill Arrand
Staff: Reuben MacMartin					
Guests: Faith Dall					

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Bob A. brought the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Roll Call

- Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

Public Comments

- None

1 **Staff Announcements**

- 2 • Reuben informed TAC of delivery of demonstration materials purchase and reviewed
3 nature and purpose of demonstration projects program.
 - 4 ○ David E inquired if materials would be suitable for use on dirt and are they
5 suitable for experimenting with narrowing travel lanes.
 - 6 ○ Reuben explained that moveable posts with weighted bases could be acquired
7 for use on dirt. And there is existing demonstration project in the works for East
8 Calais.

9 **Approval of September 2024 TAC Meeting Minutes**

- 10 • Jerry D noted that he had not been present at September and requested attendance be
11 amended.
 - 12 ○ Reuben affirmed that this would be done.
- 13 • Dona requested that spelling of her name be checked and corrected.
 - 14 ○ Reuben affirmed that this would be done.
- 15 • Group voted; motion passed.

16 **Discussion: TPI Expenditure by Program Area FY 24**

- 17 • Reuben presented and explained FFY24 agreement amount versus actual expenditures
18 to explain change in FFY25 vs FFY24 agreement amount per request of Mike H. at
19 September TAC meeting.
 - 20 ○ Michael Gray asked what CVRPCs role in MRGP.
 - 21 ○ Reuben referred question to Keith as he leads MRGP work.

23 **Discussion: VPSP2 – Town Bridge Priorities**

- 24 • Alan Q reported that the bridges on Camel’s Hump Road in are town priority for
25 Duxbury.
- 26 • Reuben reported that there had been limited feedback on the prioritization update
27 request from last meeting.
 - 28 ○ Subsequently reviewed what locations they had been provided by towns that
29 had reported. Explained process ongoing with Mead Road Bridge to illustrate to
30 TAC how prioritization information is used. Encouraged TAC members to talk to
31 Road Supervisors.
- 32 • Doug G affirmed Waterbury selections.
- 33 • Alice P added Pine Brook Covered Bridge per discussions with Waitsfield Select Board
34 member.
 - 35 ○ Additional concerns about Bridge Street Bridge abutment: Rip Rap moving and
36 scouring observed.

- 1 • Bob A: FHWA will replace Brook Road and bridges.
- 2 ○ Peter C: is Brook Road really reparable.
- 3 ○ Bob A: discussions have been ongoing about viability of Brook Road, but
- 4 alternate path is significant detour. Unsure about Bridge 3 on Brook Road due to
- 5 geotechnical limitations of its location (lost 4 times in the past 20 years).
- 6 ○ Reuben: FHWA is intent on using current alignment?
- 7 ○ Bob A: that seems to be the case.
- 8 ○ David E: requested general Plainfield update
- 9 ○ Bob A: 45-50 condemned properties. Challenges finding to find housing to keep
- 10 displaced people in community. Towbin pasture and Goddard campus housing
- 11 potential but nothing definite as yet.

12 TAC Member Round Table

- 13 • Ron K: new upsized and re-ditched Culvert finished installation on East Hill Road
- 14 (Middlesex) with headwall.
- 15 • Alan Q: asked about progress helping towns acquire gravel and stone.
- 16 ○ Reuben informed TAC of Mutual Aid agreement efforts and potential to use
- 17 mutual aid agreement as vehicle to stand up a collective procurement
- 18 arrangement to help town with costs by getting economies and purchasing
- 19 power at scale.

20 Adjourn

- 21 • At 7:12 PM Don L made a motion to adjourn Peter C 2nd the motion.
- 22 Group voted; Motion passed.