

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Draft Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held in Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney, VT at 6pm.

Attendance

TAC members present: Wayne Wheelock (Vice Chair), Baltimore; Gordy Eastman, Reading; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Eric Bye, member-at-large, Springfield; Barbara Bye, member-at-large, Springfield.

Others present: Amy Bell, VTrans and Jason Rasmussen, SWCRPC.

Wayne Wheelock opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Wayne Wheelock welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Tom Kenyon made a motion to approve the January 29, 2020 meeting minutes. Second by Sharon Bixby. Motion passed.

4. Project Prioritization

- a. **Project Prioritization:** Jason Rasmussen reviewed the projects by category and the evaluation criteria. Amy Bell provided additional information based on data and photos available through "VTransparency." Priorities were established based on the criteria and local knowledge. The priorities were:

Paving

1. VT 106, Springfield
2. VT 10, Chester-Springfield
3. VT 11 Chester-Springfield

Roadway

1. Replace Bridges 48A and 48B on US 5, Springfield

State Bridge

1. BRIDGE 16 on VT 103, Chester
2. BRIDGE 14 on VT 103, Chester
3. BRIDGE 8 on VT 106, Perkinsville

Town Bridge

1. "McDonald's Bridge" Bridge 62 on River Street/VT 11, Springfield
2. Bridge 9 on Weston-Andover Road, Andover
3. "Vail Bridge" BRIDGE 26 on VT 103, Ludlow Village
4. Bridge 62 on Thompson Road, Chester (and removal of BRIDGE 72 and connection to Jewett Road)
5. Bridge 57 on Mill Street, Ludlow Village (removal/install pedestrian Bridge)
6. Bridge 56 on Main Street, North Springfield

Gordy Eastman made a motion to recommend the SWCRPC's approval of the regional transportation priorities (as shown above). Second by Sharon Bixby. Motion passed.

b. **Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidates:** Jason Rasmussen reviewed the town Bridge pre-candidate projects, evaluation criteria, and town input. Amy Bell provided additional information based on data and photos available through “VTransparency.” Priorities were established based on the criteria and local knowledge. The priorities were:

1. Bridge 55 on Main Street/US 5, Windsor
2. Bridge 79 on Park Street, Springfield
3. Bridge 74 on Blue Hill Road, Chester
4. Bridge 65 on Clinton Street/VT 11, Springfield
5. Bridge 6 on Grafton Road/Route 35, Chester
6. Bridge 52 on Popple Dungeon Road, Chester
7. Bridge 63 on Ascutney Basin Road, Weathersfield
8. Bridge 27 on Johnson Road, Windsor
9. Covered Bridge 83 on Henry Gould Road, Weathersfield
10. Bridge 23 on Brook Road, Windsor
11. Bridge 44 on Carlton Road, Cavendish

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6. Active Transportation Plan

Jason Rasmussen summarized the additional outreach over the past few months and modest changes to the document as a result of the input received. *Tom Kenyon made a motion to recommend the SWCRPC’s approval of the final draft Active Transportation Plan dated February 14, 2020. Second by Gordy Eastman. Motion passed.*

7. Updates and Announcements

- a. Jason Rasmussen indicated Springfield and Bellows Falls have decided to participate in a pilot for automated vehicles in Vermont. It would be great if a couple other towns in the vicinity would also agree to participate. Joe Segale would like to speak with the TAC about this pilot project at the next TAC meeting.

8. Future agenda items & next meeting date

- a. Next meeting: March 24th may not work. Jason will follow up to schedule the next meeting.
- b. Future Agenda Topics: Automated vehicle. Airport anniversary in May.

9. Adjourn

- a. *Sharon Bixby made a motion to adjourn. Second by Gordy Eastman. Motion passed.*
- b. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.