

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Draft Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2019

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

Attendance

TAC members present: Kristi Morris (Chair), Springfield; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; John Saydek, Cavendish; Arne Jonynas, Chester; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow; Barbara Bye, member-at-large, Springfield; Eric Bye, member-at-large, Springfield.

Others present: Jason Rasmussen and Otis Munroe, SWCRPC.

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:02 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kristi Morris welcomed Otis Munroe to the TAC meeting, and introductions were made.

2. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were made.

3. Approval of Minutes

Wayne Wheelock made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2019. Second by Sharon Bixby. Motion approved.

4. Transportation Resilience

Otis Munroe provided an overview of the project. VTrans' developed a [web-based application](#) – the Vermont Transportation Resilience Planning Tool (TRPT) – that identifies bridges, culverts, and road embankments that are vulnerable to damage from floods and identifies potential mitigation measures. The tool presently includes three watersheds, but VTrans would ultimately like to have full statewide coverage. At this time, four watersheds are being added. We are working on adding the Williams River Watershed. We are in the middle of an effort to talk with towns and VTrans district staff to identify road segments that have experienced past damages. The TAC reviewed and discussed a draft map of past damages. A suggestion was made to have additional input from ANR staff. Staff will report back at a later stage of the project.

5. Draft Active Transportation Plan

Jason Rasmussen presented the draft Active Transportation Plan, which had a few updates following the last meeting. More time to review the draft was appreciated. A number of questions and comments were made, which will be addressed in a revised draft. The revised draft will be circulated to the TAC members. Additional outreach will also be made this fall to other stakeholder groups.

6. Updates and Announcements

- a. Jason Rasmussen noted that the next round of the Transportation Alternatives Program has been announced. There is \$2.2 million available statewide, about half is targeted for water quality-related projects. The other half is for bicycle/pedestrian improvements and other eligible projects.
- b. Jason Rasmussen mentioned that the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce has a conflict with our regular meeting schedule, and asked about a different meeting date in October. October 29 or 30 might work. Jason will check to see when the Chamber is available.

7. Other Business

- a. Sharon Bixby asked about the Colchester diverging diamond project that has been in the news recently. A news clip was viewed at <https://www.wcax.com/content/news/VTrans-officials-say-a-diverging-diamond-could-ease-congestion-near-I-89-Exit-16-508367991.html>.

8. Future agenda items & next meeting date

- a. Next meeting: TBD
- b. Agenda Topics: Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce

9. Adjourn

- a. John Saydek made a motion to adjourn. Second by Arne Jonynas. Motion approved.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.