

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019**

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

**Attendance** – TAC members present: Kristi Morris (Chair), Springfield; John Saydek, Cavendish; Arne Jonynas, Chester; Gordy Eastman, Reading; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow; Eric Bye, member-at-large, Springfield.

Others present: Jason Rasmussen, SWCRPC; Anthony Summers, SWCRPC

**1. Meeting Opened:** The meeting opened at 6:05 pm

**2. Changes to the agenda**

No changes were made at this TAC meeting.

**3. Acceptance of minutes**

Tom Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2019. Seconded by Gordy Eastman. Approved unanimously.

**4. Transportation work plan for FFY 2020**

- a. Jason Rasmussen provided an overview of the work plan
- b. The work plan will be active beginning October 1, 2019
- c. FFY 2020 includes a 3% funding increase
- d. Jason informs that TAC that additional funding will be provided to the RPC through the Transportation Resilience Planning Tool (for more info: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/transportation-resilience>)
- e. Two tasks have been removed from the FFY 2020: district paving prioritization and road diet outreach
- f. Jason asked if anyone had any local projects to build into the work plan. There were no responses about specific projects.
- g. Kristi mentions that the McDonalds bridge (BR 62) in Springfield recently lost a section of sidewalk that fell into the river. This bridge is currently a “candidate” for project scoping with no projected date for when scoping will take place.

**5. Regional Active Transportation Plan Needs Inventory Review**

- a. The TAC provided input related to needs in Springfield and Cavendish. This input will be incorporated into the inventory for inclusion into the Active Transportation Plan.
- b. A discussion about prioritizing the projects identified in the inventory ensues. Anthony shares that the inventory’s overall objective is to identify and list all active transportation needs (projects) in the region for reference. Jason adds that we could prioritize this inventory if the TAC would like to and that it is helpful to have all of these needs listed in one place so that funding opportunities can be more easily matched to identified projects.
- c. Jason shares an update about the Toonerville Trail extension. Discussions are underway between interested parties in an attempt to develop the extension.

**6. Updates and Announcements**

- a. Construction Update: Anthony provided the TAC with an update for all regional projects slated for early summer. A follow-up email was sent to the TAC clarifying the closure of Rockingham Exit 6 off-ramp on southbound I-91 from June 4 – June 6.
- b. Grant opportunities: VT Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program applications are due June, 28. For more information: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>

**7. Other Business**

- a. Jason informs the TAC that Okemo is interested in attracting Uber and are discussing this with the Okemo Valley Chamber.
- b. Jason provides an update to the TAC about the Outdoor Recreation Plan that focuses on facilities in West Windsor, Windsor, and Weathersfield. The plan should be complete in a month or two.
- c. Arne conveys interest in learning more about the enhancement of facilities at Ascutney Mountain over the years. Arne suggests holding a future TAC meeting at Ascutney Mountain (Outdoors Center).
- d. Gordy discusses an engineering project.

#### **8. Future agenda items & next meeting date**

Next meeting: 6/26. Potential Future Topic Ideas: Meeting at Ascutney Mountain to learn more about recreation enhancements there, rail meeting (including maintenance practices), highway safety, automated vehicles, electric vehicles. Does anyone have additional ideas?

#### **9. Adjourn**

Sharon motioned to adjourn and Gordy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.