

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2020**

A virtual meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held via Zoom at 6pm.

**Attendance**

TAC members present: Kristi Morris, Springfield; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow; Gordy Eastman, Reading; John Saydek, Cavendish; Eric Bye (at-large), Springfield; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor.

Others present: Jason Rasmussen and Otis Munroe, SWCRPC.

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Kristi Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Changes to the Agenda**

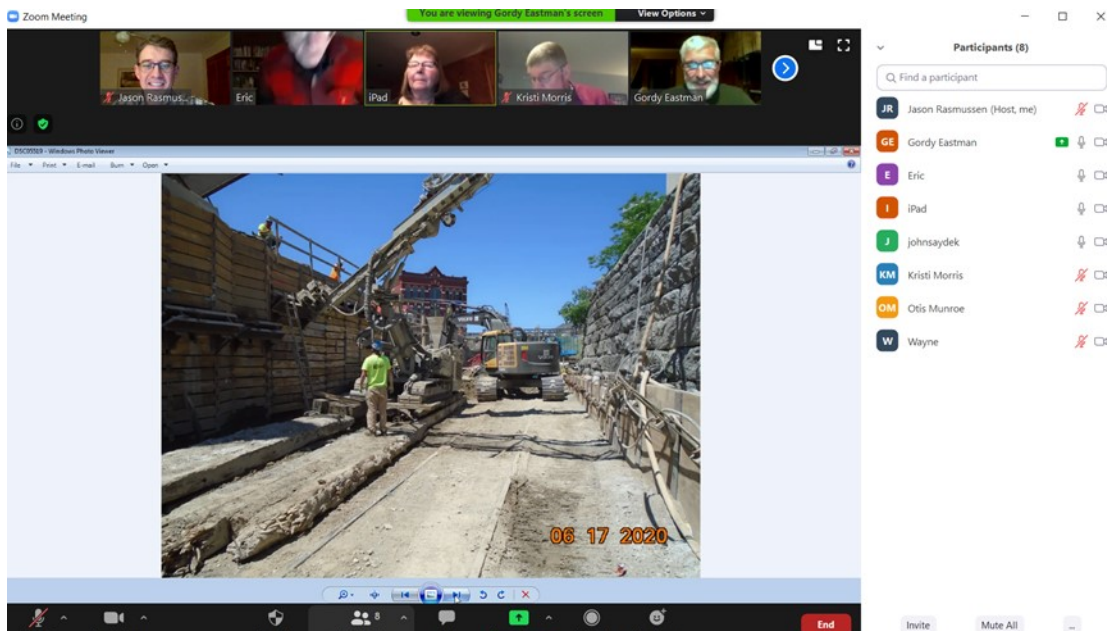
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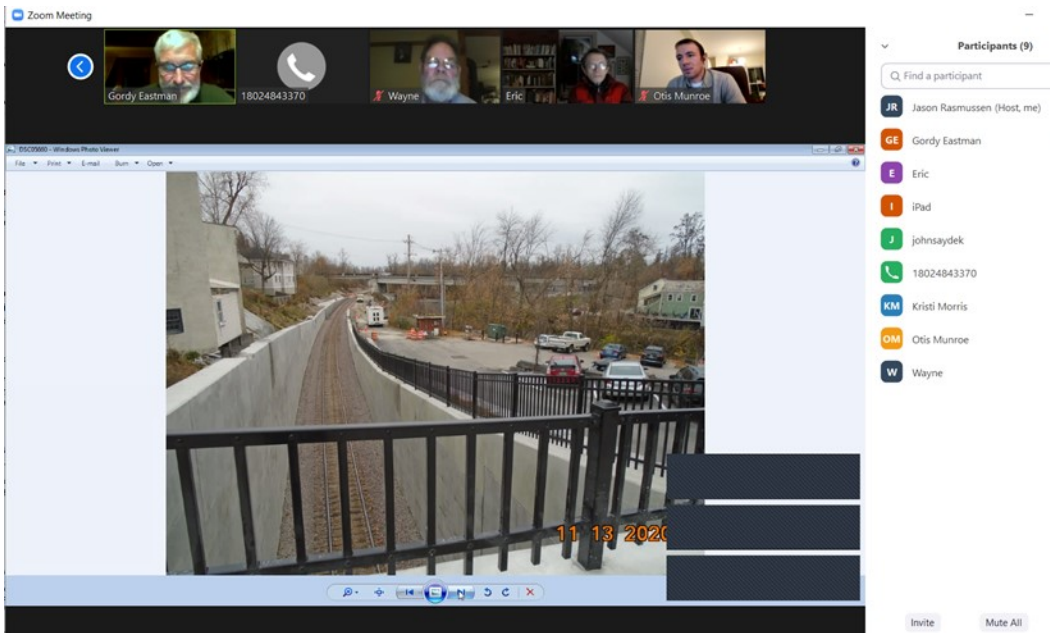
**3. Approval of Minutes**

*Gordy Eastman made a motion to approve the October 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Second by Sharon Bixby. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Overview of Middlebury Rail Project**

Gordy Eastman provided a summary discussion and photos of the Middlebury rail project that he is overseeing. This is a \$48 million project with additional \$20 million in rail relocation costs for during the shutdown period. The tracks were closed to train traffic on July 13<sup>th</sup> and reopened on September 18<sup>th</sup>, slightly ahead of schedule.





## 5. Regional Transportation Needs

Jason Rasmussen and Otis Munroe indicated that they have started to update the transportation needs identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. Many projects that have been completed have been removed, but more refinement is needed. Otis has created an online map where this draft information is displayed. This information will be provided before the next meeting for everyone to review. What would be helpful are suggestions for transportation issues that no longer need to be on the list and other issues that should be added to the list.

## 6. Updates and Announcements

- a. Anticipated new grant opportunities to be announced in mid-December include Better Places, Downtown Transportation Fund and Better Connections.
- b. Jason Rasmussen mentioned that Ludlow and the Okemo Valley Chamber were awarded MTI funds for a microtransit/shuttle study.
- c. Sharon Bixby indicated that the Okemo Valley Chamber and Green Mountain Railroad looking are planning/evaluating a possible new train station and transportation hub in Ludlow.

## 8. Adjourn

*Wayne Wheelock made a motion to adjourn. Second by Gordy Eastman. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.*