

**Mount Ascutney Regional
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2022

A 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; John Saydek, Cavendish; Eric and Barbara Bye, at-large; Diane Foulds, Windsor

Others present: Otis Munroe, MARC; Amanda Holland, VTrans

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

All present members of the TAC and guests introduced themselves.

2. Changes to the Agenda

A legislative update by Kristi Morris was added to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

Wayne Wheelock made a motion to approve the March 23, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Diane Foulds. The motion passed unanimously.

4. VPSP2 2022 Bridges, Project Submission to RPC Board and VTrans

Otis Munroe gave an overview of the VPSP2 process so far and next steps including submission of the asset and regionally driven lists to the RPC Board and then VTrans.

Discussion centered on the list of regionally driven projects proposed by the Region's towns. Two bridges – BR 43 in Cavendish and BR 27 in Windsor – were the focus of the conversation. Because of their relatively high bridge inspection report ratings it was discussed whether or not to include them in the submission. There was concern over whether including these two bridges would cause other projects to be excluded from the Capital Program but the process is not yet far enough along to know for certain. Ultimately it was decided to submit all five bridge projects from the regionally driven list contingent on ongoing conversations between the RPC, VTrans, and the Town.

Sharon Bixby made a motion to submit the list of five regionally driven projects to the RPC Board and VTrans with the inclusion of the Windsor and Cavendish projects contingent on ongoing conversations between the RPC, VTrans, and the towns. Second by Wayne Wheelock. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Bixby made a motion to submit the list of asset driven projects as presented to the RPC Board and VTrans. Second by Wayne Wheelock. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Updates and Announcements

- Otis Munroe provided updates on the current round of bike/ped program grants and the recently announced Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. There was a brief discussion of eligible projects.
- Otis Munroe shared that the RPC has received the draft FY23 TPI Guidance. Highlights include electric vehicle charging planning and regional bike and pedestrian network planning. Otis asked the TAC to consider and submit any special projects. Diane asked whether there was potential to add an ebike task. Discussion followed on ebikes and ebike libraries.
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6. Legislative Update

Kristi Morris provided procedural and substantive updates on several bills as the legislative session begins to come to an end. Bills and topics discussed include the Transportation Bill, the State Budget, a Wanton Waste Bill, a hound hunting moratorium, Act 250 reform, housing, education funding Both the budget and T Bill are historic due to the influx of federal money.

6. Future agenda items & next meeting date

- a. Next meeting: May 25, 2022.
- b. Potential topic: Transit update, climate change and road maintenance.

7. Adjourn

Wayne Wheelock made a motion to adjourn. Second by Diane Foulds. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.