

**Mount Ascutney Regional
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held via Zoom at 6:25 pm.

Attendance

TAC members present: Kristi Morris, Springfield; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow; Eric and Barbara Bye, at-large; Diane Foulds, Windsor; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor

Others present: Otis Munroe, MARC; Amanda Holland, VTrans; Christine Howe, SEVT

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:25 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

All present members of the TAC and guests introduced themselves.

2. Changes to the Agenda

No changes.

3. Approval of Minutes

Sharon Bixby made a motion to approve the April 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Wayne Wheelock. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Regional Transportation Plan, Full Draft Review

Otis Munroe ran through the draft Regional Transportation Plan with an emphasis on sections that the TAC had not reviewed before or where major changes had been made since the latest adopted version of the Plan.

Discussion began around the adoption timeline and process before moving to the content of the Plan itself. Following the Plan overview, Tom Kenyon raised the issue of parking needs and where best to address them in the Plan. It was decided to add a goal or policy encouraging towns to assess parking and make plans to address future needs. It was noted that parking is also addressed in the Transportation and Land Use section and tables but that this did not adequately address the issue of planning for future parking needs. Kristi Morris raised the issue of needing to find a balance between the generalities of parking to be addressed in a Regional Plan and the specifics addressed in town plans and zoning bylaws.

Following the parking discussion, there was a brief conversation around Hartness Airport and if any of the language or needs should be adjusted in light of ongoing conversations around the future conditions of the Airport. The Regional Plan appears more ambitious than State plans such as the recent Airport Systems Plan. Ultimately it was agreed to leave the Regional Plan as is recognizing that the aviation goals, as with goals for other modes may not be achieved before the next iteration of the Plan.

Wayne Wheelock made a motion to approve the Plan as presented with minor amendments around parking. Second by Sharon Bixby. The motion passed unanimously.

5. FFY 2023 TPI Workplan

Otis Munroe reviewed the included memo on the FFY 2023 TPI Workplan with an emphasis on changes from the FFY 2022 TPI Workplan including budget increases and the new bicycle and pedestrian planning task (task 7).

Sharon Bixby made a motion to authorize MARC to work with VTrans to finalize the FFY 2023 TPI Workplan. Second by Tom Kenyon. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Updates and Announcements

- Otis Munroe introduced the Safe Streets and Roads for All program from the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The RPC currently plans to apply to the grant program in September to write a Safety Action Plan. If the grant is awarded, the TAC would have a role on the committee overseeing the drafting of the Plan.

6. Future agenda items & next meeting date

- a. Next meeting: August 24 or September 21, 2022.
- b. Potential topic: Transit update, Transportation Equity Framework.

7. Adjourn

Sharon Bixby made a motion to adjourn. Second by Tom Kenyon. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.