

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2014

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

Attendance – TAC members present: Kristi Morris, Springfield (Chair); Tom Kenyon, West Windsor (Vice-Chair); John Saydek, Cavendish; and Jeff Slade, Weathersfield.

Others present: Katharine Otto, SWCRPC; and Jackie Cassino, VTrans.

Meeting Opened: Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Welcome and introductions

Acceptance of minutes

Tom Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2014. Seconded by Jeff Slade. Approved unanimously.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

The committee discussed the draft of Chapter 2 – Regional Trends, Federal and State Legislation, and Future Land Use. They had few comments in their initial review:

- Page 2 - Is there a reason why the tourism references active things outside the villages and not things like walking and running in and around our villages? Also, is there a reason why our Covered Bridges are not mentioned
- Page 2 – References to Trucking. How does the RTP connect to the Economic Development Chapter of the Regional Plan?
- Page 2 – References to Trucking. It should mention how there are few alternative routes and methods to move goods across the state – need the roads, especially across the mountains.
- How does the RTP address implementation?
- Need to fill in the 2-3 blanks for numbers (eg % of land which is rural)
- Other than that, it looked good for initial review

Updates and Announcements

- a) *Vermont State Rail Plan Meetings – March 24 and 25, 2014.* Katharine already forwarded by email the invite to meetings in Rutland and Brattleboro.
- b) *Regional Road Safety Forum – May 12, 2014 – Bellows Falls* – Focus on bringing together stakeholders concerned with improving safety on the road (eg Selectboards, police, drivers ed, etc). More details to follow.
- c) *Way To Go Week – May 12-16, 2014* – An annual event to encourage people to find alternative ways to travel. Katharine will send out registration information.
- d) *High Risk Rural Roads – VT-143* was selected by VTrans for this year.

Other Business

Tom Kenyon asked a question about replacing culverts and catch basins along VT-44 ahead of installation of West Windsor's new sewer line. The town are due to vote on a bond which would partially fund the sewer line in April 2014 and construction would probably be summer 2015 if the bond is approved. Katharine Otto will give Tom Kenyon the appropriate contact information for people in VTrans to talk to

Next Meeting:

April 16, 2014. Election of officers, construction updates, more Regional Transportation Plan.

Tom Kenyon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Seconded by Jeff Slade. Approved unanimously.