

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

Meeting Minutes of June 27 2018

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at Martin Memorial Hall in Weathersfield at 6pm.

Attendance – TAC members present: Kristi Morris (Chair), Springfield; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore (Vice Chair); Arne Jonynas, Chester; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow; and Tom Kenyon, West Windsor.

Others present: Katharine Otto, SWCRPC; Dave Pelletier, VTrans

Meeting Opened: The meeting opened at 6:08pm

Welcome and introductions

Changes to the agenda

None

Acceptance of minutes

Tom Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2018. Seconded by Wayne Wheelock. Approved unanimously.

Vermont 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Dave Pelletier from VTrans presented on the upcoming plan and gave a handout with a lot of details. More information is available from <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/long-range-plan>, including contact information info the TAC has further input or comments.

The following are some of the main items of discussion:

- The Long Range Transportation Plan is for Vermont, not just for VTrans. It includes work related to transportation for a variety of partners – including other state agencies and RPCs
- The draft plan will be available for comment in Fall 2018
- The vision statement is still a work in progress – melding the previous one with current state goals (affordability, economy, and protecting vulnerable populations)
- Flashing “slow” or “stop” signs for flaggers in construction zones would be helpful to make them more visible, especially when they are standing in the shade
- How do we make access to Springfield airport more attractive?
- Encouraging economic vitality is important
- Information sharing and outreach is important
- Distracted driving is an issue – and not currently mentioned in the strategies

Updates and Announcements

- a) *Transition at the RPC* – With Katharine’s departure, the TAC should contact Jason Rasmussen with all transportation questions except those related to MRGP. For MRGP contact Chris Yurek. The RPC will be hiring to replace Katharine’s position. She is not sure who will be running the TAC meetings while they find a replacement.
- b) *VTrans On-Road Bicycle Plan Update* – VTrans has finished Phase II which includes a Bike Level of Comfort Map. More information is available from <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/bikeplan>
- c) *Regional Active Transportation Plan Update* – This project is almost at the point of having a draft plan written, but with Katharine’s departure there will be a pause until a new person can pick it up.
- d) *Construction Updates* – Katharine gave a hand out with information about upcoming construction projects.
- e) *Grant Opportunities* - <http://swcrpc.org/grants/>

- a. Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation – due 7/13 - <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program> If you need assistance contact Chris Yurek in our office
- f) *Meetings*
 - a. 7/16 – *Weathersfield I-91 Bridge Public Informational Meeting* – 7pm at Weathersfield Center Church and Meeting House
 - g) *Go Vermont Trip Planner* – A great resource has recently been developed to help you find alternative ways to get around. It isn't quite finished yet – due for the big release in the fall – but you can get a sneak peak at <https://plan.vermont.gov/>
 - h) *2018 Vermont Standard Specifications for Construction* – Hard copies are available upon request. Most useful for road foremen in the larger towns.

Other Business

The TAC thanked Katharine for her work with them over the years. Katharine expressed her appreciation of working with the TAC.

Future agenda items and next meeting date

Next meeting: 7/25 or 8/22. Future topic ideas: Rail meeting (including maintenance practices), sign markings, highway safety, automated vehicles, E911 dispatch center

Sharon Bixby moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Seconded by Wayne Wheelock. Approved unanimously.