

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

Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2018

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

Attendance

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

Others present: Anthony Summers and Jason Rasmussen, SWCRPC; Barbara Bye, Bike-Ped.

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:00pm

Changes to the agenda

- a) The discussion of Route 5 was moved to the end of the agenda.

Acceptance of minutes

- a) *Sharon Bixby made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 27, 2018. Second by Arne Jonynas. Motion passed.*

Meet the New Transportation Planner

- a) Anthony Summers introduced himself and provided a brief background of his previous work experience. TAC members gave him a warm welcome.

Updates and Announcements

- a) *Regional Active Transportation Plan Update* – Anthony Summers has reviewed the existing draft document and supporting information. A discussion about the TAC’s past involvement ensued. Next steps in the process will include sending the current draft to members and reviewing it at the next TAC meeting.
- b) *Regional Bicycle Route Map* – Jason Rasmussen noted that the SWCRPC has hired the SE Group to help develop a map of suggested bicycle routes in the region. The map will also indicate attractions, such as bike shops, swimming holes, restaurants and inns. The routes will include both paved roads and unpaved backroads. A description of each route will also be developed to help people chose the best ride for them based on conditions. We are hoping to complete the project this fall. We will have both hard and digital copies available. Our consultant will be helping us to make the routes available through Strava and Ride with GPS.
- c) *Grant Opportunities* – Anthony Summers provided a handout of funding opportunities, which was also provided to town managers and other town officials. If you would like help in preparing an application, please contact Anthony.
- d) *Construction Updates* – It was determined that the construction updates that Katharine used to provide were very helpful and should continue.
- e) *Discussion about TAC going forward* – The existing meeting schedule works well. Educational sessions are very helpful. Prioritization is a good process. What is the timeline for the next prioritization process? What does it take to get a new project funded and how long until it can be completed?

Other Business

- a) Anthony Summers provided an update about an effort to evaluate transit service improvements in the Londonderry and surrounding area, which would include Andover, Chester and Ludlow. Windham Regional Commission is currently helping to develop a survey that will help to gage demand for transit services. The

results of the survey will help to determine if it is feasible to provide fixed-route or other types of services in this area.

Discussion about Route 5 North in Windsor

- a) Tom Keynon noted that pavement conditions are poor on Route 5 between I-91 Exit 9 and Windsor. He asked if there are any future plans to pave this section of roadway in the future. Anthony will report back about this at the next meeting.

Future agenda items and next meeting date

- a) The next meeting will be 10/24.
- b) Future topic ideas: Signs/markings/highway safety, Westminster E911 dispatch center, paving Route 5, Active Transportation Plan, project prioritization timeframe, process for getting new projects done, and presentation of the Bike Route Map.

Adjourn

- a) *Sharon Bixby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Second by Wayne Wheelock. Motion passed.*