

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

Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at the Green Mountain RSVP office in Weathersfield starting at 6:00 PM.

Attendance

TAC members present: Kristi Morris (Chair), Springfield; John Saydek, Cavendish; Arne Jonynas, Chester; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Sharon Bixby, Ludlow

Others present: Eric Bye (At-Large Member), North Springfield; Barbara Bye, North Springfield; Tom Kennedy, SWCRPC; Anthony Summers, SWCRPC

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:03 pm

Changes to the agenda

None

Acceptance of minutes

Kristi Morris made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 30, 2019. Seconded by Tom Kenyon. Approved unanimously.

Project Prioritization and Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidates

Anthony emailed a list of all the projects for Project Prioritization and Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidates to the TAC, Town Managers, and Road Foremen weeks in advance of the meeting. The lists handed out at the meeting included input from Road Foremen and Town Managers to assist the TAC.

The TAC discussed the projects according to the methodology shared at the previous TAC meeting.

Paving

There was discussion about the top two previously prioritized projects (VT-131 in Cavendish and Weathersfield, and VT-11 in Londonderry to Chester). The RPC made a recommendation that VT-131 in Cavendish be prioritized as number one due to the progressive deterioration that is taking place. The TAC discussed each project and weighed prioritizing VT-131 as the top priority and positioning VT-11 as the number two priority. The TAC decided to prioritize VT-131 in Cavendish and Weathersfield as number one, and VT-11 in Londonderry to Chester as number two. The other projects remained ranked as they were by TAC in 2018. Arne inquired about the construction timing on VT-11 in Londonderry to Chester. Anthony will check with VTrans about construction timing and return an answer to the TAC.

1. VT-131 in Cavendish and Weathersfield
2. VT-11 in Londonderry to Chester
3. VT-106 (River St) in Springfield
4. VT-10 in Chester and Springfield
5. VT-11 between Chester and Springfield

Roadway Projects

Anthony informed the TAC that Ludlow-Bridgewater was added to the list this year, and it is a mystery project. Anthony has put a request for information about this project into VTrans. He will update the TAC when he knows more about this project. Anthony informed the TAC that the Cavendish-Ludlow (Smithville Project) is on hold. The TAC did not prioritize either of the aforementioned projects.

1. Springfield – Replacement of culverts 48A and 48B on US-5.

Town Highway Bridges

Anthony informed the TAC about the Cavendish BR 58 (Depot St) being removed from the list because it is slated for construction this year. The TAC was also informed about Chester's desire to consolidate three bridges into one (moving Thompson Rd bridge in doing so). A VTrans bridge consolidation alternatives illustration was shared with the TAC.

1. Br 62 (McDonald's) in Springfield
2. Br 62 (Thompson Rd) in Chester
3. Br 9 (High Bridge) in Andover
4. Br 26 (VT 103/Main St) in Ludlow Village
5. Br 56 (Main St) in Springfield
6. Br 57 (Mill St) in Ludlow Village

The Town of Springfield wanted the County Road Culvert (BR 82 in North Springfield) removed from the list because the work has already been completed. The TAC, therefore, did not prioritize this project.

State Highway Bridges

1. Bridge 14 on VT-103 in Chester
2. Bridge 16 on VT-103 in Chester

Safety and Traffic Operations

1. Springfield – Intersection improvements at off-ramp of I-91 SB where it meets VT-11, and the US-5/VT-11 intersection is.

Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidates

The Town of Ludlow asked that BR 12 (Rod and Gun Club Rd) be removed due to bridge repairs they made. Bridges 28 and 72 (Palmer Rd & Jewett Rd, respectively) were removed due to the Town of Chester's desire to remove these bridges when they consolidate three bridges into one. The TAC did not prioritize the three aforementioned bridges.

1. Br 55 (Main St) in Windsor
2. Br 79 (Park St) in Springfield
3. Br 23 (Brook Rd near Hewett) in Windsor
4. Br 74 (Blue Hill Rd) in Chester
5. Br 63 (Ascutney Basin Rd) in Weathersfield
6. Br 27 (Johnson Rd) in Windsor
7. CB 83 (Henry Gould Rd) in Weathersfield

The TAC moved to unanimously recommend these priorities (Project Prioritization and Pre-Candidate Town Highway Bridge List) to the RPC Board for approval prior to submittal to VTrans.

Annual Reports

Due to weather, the TAC decided to skip reviewing the annual reports. The TAC will follow up with Anthony if they have any questions about the reports.

Updates and Announcements

The TAC was provided an update about the regional bike map. The RPC is currently having them printed, and they should be available for the TAC to see in March. Large prints of each side of the map were shared with the TAC. Feedback from the TAC was positive.

Future agenda items and next meeting date

- a) The next meeting will be 3/27/2019.
- b) Potential Future Topic Ideas: Rail meeting, highway safety, automated vehicles, electric vehicles.

Adjourn

Arne Jonynas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Kristi Morris. Approved unanimously.