

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

**Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2009**

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at SWCRPC in Ascutney, VT, at 6:30 P.M.

**Attendance** – TAC members present: Bruce McEnaney (Chair), Chester; Sharon Bixby (Vice Chair), Ludlow; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Kristi Morris, Springfield; Neil Daniels, Weathersfield; Gordy Eastman, Reading; and Steve Cottrell, Windsor.

Others present: Jason Rasmussen, SWCRPC.

**Meeting Opened:** Bruce McEnaney opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**Acceptance of the Minutes of July 15, 2009**

*Steve Cottrell moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2009 as written. Second by Tom Kenyon. Approved unanimously.*

**Prioritization of New Town Highway Bridge Projects**

Jason Rasmussen presented the draft list of potential town highway bridge projects. A few additional bridges per town request were added to the list that was reviewed at the last meeting on October 20, 2009. Although there was no quorum at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, four members of the TAC finalized the prioritization process, which is the process used by the TAC previously.

The TAC established a list of the Region's top ten town bridge needs based on VTrans guidance, evaluation criteria, town input and knowledge of each structure. The region's top ten town highway bridges ("long" structures; 20 foot span or greater) include:

1. Walker bridge (BR 25), VT 103/Main Street, Ludlow
2. McDonald's bridge (BR 62), VT 11/Chester Road, Springfield
3. Depot Street bridge (BR 58), Proctorsville
4. Historic arch bridge (BR 55), US 5/South Main Street, Windsor
5. Dorsey bridge (BR 54), Pond Street, Ludlow
6. Bridge 56, Main Street west of Fairbanks/Industrial Park, North Springfield
7. Bridge 13, Green Mountain Turnpike, Chester
8. Bridge 28, Town Farm Road, Reading
9. Bridge 28, Howard Hill Road, Andover
10. Bridge 57, Mill Street, Ludlow

*Steve Cottrell moved to approve the above regional priority town highway bridge projects. Second by Sharon Bixby. Approved unanimously.*

The Board of Commissioners will be asked to approve this prioritized list at the November 17, 2009 RPC meeting. RPC staff will then submit the list to VTrans.

## Updates and Announcements

**Draft FFY 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)** – RPC staff made two comments to VTrans regarding the draft STIP:

- a. The two Chester bridge projects [Benny Sunoco Bridge: BRF 025-1(37); “narrow bridge”: BRF 025-1(28)] should be listed for construction in 2011; both projects will happen at the same time.
- b. The West Windsor bridge project (Bower’s Covered Bridge, Bible Hill Rd, BHO 1444(46)) is listed because the Agency is holding on the funds in case there are needed in the future. VTrans recognizes that the Town does not think the work is necessary.

**Chester Bridge Meeting** – VTrans is holding a public meeting regarding two upcoming bridge projects on VT Route 103 [Benny Sunoco Bridge: BRF 025-1(37); “narrow bridge”: BRF 025-1(28)]. The meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Chyester Town Offices.

**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2009 at 7 PM (tentative)

*Sharon Bixby moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Gordy Eastman. Approved unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Rasmussen  
Senior Planner, SWCRPC