

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

Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2019

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at Martin Memorial Hall in Weathersfield starting at 6:00 PM.

Attendance

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

Others present: Tom Kennedy, SWCRPC; Anthony Summers, SWCRPC

Kristi Morris opened the meeting at 6:00pm

Acceptance of minutes

- a) Tom Kenyon made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 28, 2018. There was no one in attendance from the November TAC meeting to second this motion. All in attendance motioned to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Discussion about route 5 north of Windsor to Hartland I-91 (Tom Kenyon)

- a) Tom Kenyon discusses the conditions of route 5 north of Windsor. Discussion about other roads in need of maintenance are discussed including RT 11, RT 103, RT 131. Tom Kennedy talks about the prioritization process and the difficult decisions that have to be made. Tom Kennedy also informs TAC that district leveling prioritization is not happening this year, but SWCRPC will still be providing leveling input to VTrans.

103/131 Intersection Update (Anthony Summers)

- a) Crews have installed three new signs on VT 103 Northbound including a “watch for turning vehicles” sign which will indicate vehicles turning onto VT 131 from VT 103. A new sign will also be added on VT 103 Southbound, which is a “lane designation sign” and will show the left turn lane onto VT 131, and indicate the right lane as the travel lane.

At this point it's the only thing that can be done as painting new lines or refreshing lines is not an option until spring when the weather changes.

Next season's permanent striping will clearly demarcate the lane shift in the VT 103 NB lane prior to the VT 131 intersection, to allow room for the left turn lane for VT 103 SB.

Project Prioritization and Town Highway Bridge Pre-Candidates Methodology Discussion

- a) The committee discussed the methodology and decided to use the same methodology as last year for prioritizing at the February meeting.

Annual Reports

- a) Hard copies of annual reports for Park and Ride Counts, Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts, and the TAC were shared. A discussion about these reports included anomalies in data caused by counters failing. Anthony will send out copies of these reports in advance of February's meeting and allocate time on the agenda for further discussion about the annual reports.

Updates and Announcements

- a) Bike Map update: Hard copy prints should be ready in a month or sooner. The RPC is still trying to figure out whether we should have a new website or post the materials on the existing website. The map should be online in a month or so. Anthony will resend the map link to the TAC that was sent out to them during December. Anthony will bring the folding hard copies to a TAC meeting once they have been printed.
- b) Active Transportation Plan update: Anthony is continuing to develop the plan and aims to have more to share with TAC after project prioritization.
- c) Construction updates for spring 2019:
 - Springfield-Hartland:** Apr 2019 - Aug 2019; Resurfacing I-91 North Bound from MM 44.9 (about 2.5 miles north of Exit 7, Springfield) to MM 66.0 (where I-91 intersects RT 5 in Hartland).
 - Cavendish:** Apr 2019 - Nov 2019; Replacement of the Depot Street Bridge over the Black River.
 - Springfield:** Jun 2019 - Oct 2019; Construction of new sidewalk along South Street from Union Street to the High School.
- d) Legislative Updates: There were no updates. A brief discussion was held about the kinds of updates provided to TAC.

Other Business

- a) Tom Kenyon and Kristi share success stories that include paving and also infrastructure that softens travel over railroad tracks.
- b) Arne speaks about a 2 mile stretch of RT 35 that connects Chester and Grafton. He says this section of RT 35 is in need of repair. There is discussion about funding related to water quality. Tom Kennedy offers to speak to the Chester Select Board about water quality funding and RT 35 maintenance.

Future agenda items and next meeting date

- c) The next meeting will be 2/27/2019.
- d) Future topic ideas: Project Prioritization, Signs/markings/highway safety, project prioritization timeframe, process for getting new projects done, and presentation of the Bike Route Map.

Adjourn

Kristi Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. Seconded by Tom Kenyon. Approved unanimously.