

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

**Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2017**

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at the Town Hall in Springfield, at 6pm.

**Attendance** – TAC members present: Kristi Morris, Springfield (Chair); Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore (Vice Chair); John Saydek, Cavendish; Arne Jonynas, Chester; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; and Jeff Taft-Dick (At Large).

Others present: Katharine Otto, SWCRPC; Dr Emily Parkany and Dr Ian Anderson, VTrans.

**Meeting Opened:** The meeting opened at 6:00pm

**Welcome and introductions**

**Changes to the agenda**

Add District Paving after VTrans Research item

**Acceptance of minutes**

*Tom Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2017. Seconded by Kristi Morris. 4 Approved, 1 abstention. Motion passed.*

**VTrans Research**

Dr Emily Parkany (VTrans Research Manager) and Dr Ian Anderson (VTrans Research Engineer) gave an overview of the VTrans Research Program. Some of the highlights discussed included:

- \$1.2 million in VTrans budget for research, of which over half goes to manage research projects carried out both within VTrans, as well as at the New England Transportation Consortium (NETC) and the University of Vermont (UVM)
- September 2017 Research Symposium included information on 30 projects!
- All-in-one survey
- Ultra High Performance Concrete – including its usage in the Ludlow Walker Bridge project
- Freeze thaw cycles extreme in Vermont – not good for concrete!
- Randolph Park and Ride is being transitioned to permeable asphalt due to the failure of the permeable concrete
- Recycled asphalt shingles (RAS) (ie roof shingles, not road asphalt) is being experimented with in parts of Vermont, particularly on gravel roads
- The recent Berlin roadway project included a pavement marking tapes study

**District Paving**

Katharine gave a handout which outlined what is planned for “District Paving” projects next year. In the SWC region the following projects are on the list:

- Reading - Windsor – VT-44 entire state owned length – design started in 2017 as “FPAV” – ie federally funded
- Weathersfield – Reading – VT-106 from VT-131 to the Woodstock townline – design started in 2017 as “FPAV”
- Weathersfield – Windsor – VT-44A entire length – design started in 2017 as “FPAV”
- Springfield – VT-11 from Seavers Brook Road to US-5 intersection – will start and complete in 2018 as “SPAV” – ie state funded

**Updates and Announcements**

- a) *Project Prioritization Process Update* - Katharine gave a handout with details about the Project Prioritization Process “Revamp”. The process started in early 2017. Due to the magnitude of work still to be completed, including changes to legislative language, the new system will not be in place for winter 2018 prioritization. Katharine will keep the TAC informed of updates as more details become solidified.

- b) *Construction Updates*
  - a. Katharine gave a handout with updates on all the major construction projects she is aware of. New projects on the list since May (when the list was last distributed) are the 4 big culverts on VT-11 in Chester and Spring, the District Paving projects, and the Andover High Bridge (Br9).
- c) *Grant Opportunities* - <http://swcrpc.org/grants/>
  - a. Better Connections Grant - <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/projects-programs/better-connections>
- d) *Municipal Roads General Permit* - The RPC submitted comments on the draft MRGP standards on 10/26/2017. Final standards are due by the end of the year. The TAC discussed the equitability of fees.
- e) *Meetings*
  - a. 11/27 – Regional concerns meeting for VT-11 Big culverts in Springfield and Chester.
  - b. No upcoming meetings known
- f) *Permit applications* – No applications of regional concern
- g) *Legislative updates* – None
- h) *Walk Bike Summit*- Save the date for Friday, May 4, 2018 in White River Junction. SWCRPC and TRORC are co-organizing. More details to come.

**Other Business**

None

**Future agenda items and next meeting date**

Next meeting 1/24 at location to be decided (future meetings will be at ADA accessible locations)

Future topic ideas: Rail meeting (including maintenance practices), sign markings, highway safety, New VTransparency

*Tom Kenyon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Seconded by Arne Jonynas. Approved unanimously.*