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3 **Regional Transportation Advisory Committee**
4 **Meeting Minutes**
5 **August 12, 2010**
6 **NRPC Office, 155 Lake Street, St. Albans, VT**
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8 **Attendance:**

9 TAC Members: P. Hansen (Village of Alburgh), Chad Spooner (St. Albans City), John Whitney (St. Albans
10 Town), David Leslie (Grand Isle), Jerry Baitz (Georgia), George Coy (Airport), Georgette Johnson (Highgate),
11 John Roy (South Hero), J. Tomlinson (Richford), C. Steen (Fairfax), R. Roberge (Village of Enosburgh Falls),
12 Joey Clark (Town of Enosburgh) and Scott Choiniere (Franklin)

13 Others: Bethany Remmers (staff), Amy Bell (VTrans), Chapin Spencer (Local Motion), Denise Smith
14 (Fairfield) and Jane Kiser (St. Albans City)
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16 **Introductions:**

17 Acting as the meeting moderator, P. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
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19 **2011 Enhancement Grant Application Presentations-** (materials enclosed)

20 The TAC heard presentations from applicants who were intending to apply for a FY2011 Enhancement Grant.
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22 **Local Motion- Bike Ferry Project at the Colchester-South Hero Causeway:** Chapin Spencer updated the TAC
23 on this summer's bike ferry service and noted that Local Motion was applying for \$200,000-&300,000 through the
24 Enhancement Program. This would be the final amount needed to finish upgrades to this service which includes
25 wave attenuators, larger ferry boat and upgrades to the ramps and docks. Currently, the ferry cannot run when it is
26 too windy. These upgrades would allow Local Motion to provide a more consistent and accessible service.
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28 **Town of Fairfield- Upgrade Multi-Use Trail at Fairfield School:** Denise Smith explained that the Town of
29 Fairfield was applying for funds to construct a multi-use, ADA accessible path around the school that would
30 connect to the future library and proposed sidewalk on South Street and VT 36. The trail would be around ½
31 mile in length and would have a crushed stone surface. The Town is applying for \$30,000-\$35,000 for the
32 project. Most of the construction labor would be donated and the recreation committee has agreed to be
33 responsible for maintaining the trail. The trail would be used by the school and library's Heath and Wellness
34 Program.
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36 **City of St. Albans- Sidewalk Construction on Main Street (Part Streetscape project, Phase 1):** Jane Kiser
37 noted that the City is applying for funds to reconstruct the sidewalk (1,500 linear ft) along Main Street from
38 North Hudson Street to just south of Fairfield Street. She explained that the City has \$900,000 in hand
39 (\$100,000 in cash from the City) for the Streetscape Project. The \$300,000 from the Enhancement Program
40 would be final amount the City needs to complete this phase. The project would include 10 ft wide sidewalks
41 with upgraded crosswalks and other amenities.
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43 **Village of Enosburg- Redevelopment of Municipal Property into Park- adjacent to Bridge of Flowers and**
44 **Lights:** The Village of Enosburg Falls is requesting \$300,000 to complete engineering design and construction
45 for "The Park at Enosburg Falls". This would be located on Village owned property adjacent to the Enosburg
46 Falls Hydroelectric Dam and Bridge of Flowers and Light. The park's interpretive theme will focus on historic
47 and contemporary energy generation at the site and the park will provide a space for the community and tourists
48 to view the waterfalls from a cantilevered overlook and benches and host a safe canoe portage for the Northern
49 Forest Canoe Trail. This project is part of a brownfield redevelopment project, funded by EPA assessment
50 grants managed by the NRPC Brownfield Program.

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2 **Discussion of Enhancement Grants and Rankings:**

3 Each TAC member ranked the projects and the scores were compiled. The final rankings were as follows:

- 4 1. Town of Fairfield- Upgrade Multi-Use Trail at Fairfield School
5 2. (tied) City of St. Albans- Sidewalk Construction on Main Street
6 2. (tied) Local Motion- Bike Ferry Project at the Colchester-South Hero Causeway
7 3. Village of Enosburg- Redevelopment of Municipal Property into Park
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9 *C. Steen moved to support all four Enhancement Grant projects. C. Spooner seconded. The motion carried.*
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11 **Call for TAC Officer Nominations:**

12 The floor was opened for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair.

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14 *R. Roberge nominated D. Leslie as Chair.*

15 *J. Tomlinson nominated P. Hansen as Chair.*
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17 *C. Steen nominated P. Hansen as Vice- Chair.*

18 *J. Baitz nominated D. Leslie as Vice- Chair.*
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20 Elections will be held at the September 9, 2010 meeting.
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22 **Updates and Information**

23 B. Remmers updated the TAC on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail project and noted that VAST may agree to
24 have the project go through ACT250 rather than continue the legal process to exempt the project from Act250.

25 S. Choiniere announced that a public meeting on the Morse Line Border Crossing closure will be held on
26 September 24 in Franklin. The next TAC meeting will be 9/9/2010 and will include a presentation on the
27 104/SASH Intersection Study Update.
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29 **Minutes:**

30 It was noted that the July meeting minutes, line 38 should have read: *G. Coy moved to accept the **June 10,***
31 *2010 meeting minutes.* Also, Joey Clark was not included in the attendance.
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33 *C. Scott moved to accept the July 15, 2010 meeting minutes with corrections. R. Roberge seconded. The motion*
34 *carried.*
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36 **Other Business:**

37 The TAC discussed the sign replacement on Interstate-89. Amy Bell noted that VTrans was required to replace
38 the signs because they no longer met the federal requirements. Even though the signs might appear to be in
39 good shape, they were not in compliance for retroreflectivity or post-installation. S. Choiniere announced that a
40 portion of VT 120 was going to be paved.
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42 *J. Tomlinson moved to adjourn; J. Roy seconded. The motion carried.*
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44 The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.