

1 **Regional Transportation Advisory Committee**  
2 **Meeting Minutes**  
3 **March 24, 2011**  
4 **NRPC Office, 155 Lake Street, St. Albans, VT**

5 **Attendance:**

6 TAC Members: P. Hansen (Village of Alburgh), John Whitney (St. Albans Town), David Leslie (Grand Isle),  
7 George Coy (Airport), J. Tomlinson (Richford), C. Steen (Fairfax), Carl Gleason (Fairfield), Richard Roberge  
8 (Enosburg Falls), Joey Clark (Enosburgh), John Roy (South Hero), Charles Hunter (NECR), Tim Bradshaw  
9 (GMTA) and Peter Magnant (Franklin).

10 Others: Bethany Remmers (staff), Amy Bell (VTrans, via phone) and Jeff Moreau.

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12 **Introductions:**

13 The meeting began at 6:40 PM followed by introductions.

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15 **FY2013 Project Prioritization:**

16 The project prioritization process was explained and discussed at the February TAC meeting but postponed to  
17 the March meeting. Each TAC member ranked projects and these scores were combined to generate the final  
18 TAC ranking. The Richford MVRT extension project was not ranked because the town no longer supports the  
19 project and has requested it be cancelled. *See attached results table.*

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21 **Pre-Candidate Town Highway Bridges TAC Prioritization:**

22 B. Remmers presented info to the TAC for each potential Town Highway Bridge candidate project. VTrans  
23 identified the following town highway bridges within our region for consideration: Bridge 46 on Elm Brook Rd-  
24 Fairfield, Bridge 49 on Bridge St- Fairfield, Bridge 25 on Machia Rd- Highgate, Bridge 33 on Longley Bridge Rd-  
25 Montgomery, Bridge 14 on South Rd- Fairfield and Bridge 21 on Wilson Rd- Fletcher. Municipalities nominated  
26 the following town highway bridges: Bridge 48 on Tyler Branch Rd- Enosburgh, an unnumbered bridge on Lemnah  
27 Drive- St. Albans City and Bridge 25 on Maple Street- Fairfax. Bridge 36 on Chaffee Rd in Fairfax was also  
28 nominated but did not meet the length requirements for the program. *See attached results table.*

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30 **Vermont Public Transit Policy Plan Update- Discussion Questions:**

31 B. Remmers explained that VTrans was in the process of updated the Public Transit Policy Plan. T. Bradshaw  
32 described the current transit routes. The TAC discussed future needs and services for commuter and elderly riders.

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34 **Updates and Information:**

35 C. Hunter reported that the continuously welded rail was still being installed along the NECR line.

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37 **Minutes:**

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39 *J. Tomlinson moved to accept the February 10, 2011 meeting minutes. G. Coy seconded. The motion carried.*

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41 **Other Business:**

42 C. Steen reported that the Fairfax Covered Bridge on Maple Street was damages during the VT 104 Bridge  
43 construction. The Town believes that these damages were incurred from excessive traffic during the VT 104 bridge  
44 construction when vehicles (including some large and heavy vehicles) used Maple Street instead of the detour  
45 posted by VTrans. Traffic counts verify that the number of vehicles using the bridge increased dramatically during  
46 the detour. The Town anticipated that both local and through traffic would use Maple Street as a default detour.  
47 Because of these concerns, the Town requested that VTrans post the official detour using Huntville and  
48 Boissoneault roads. However, these are town roads and VTrans would not approve this detour. The Town believes  
49 the bridge damages were either caused or exacerbated by the excessive traffic during the VT 104 bridge  
50 construction. A. Bell suggested the Town could contact Rich Tetreault to discuss this further.

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52 *J. Roy moved to adjourn; C. Steen seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.*