

1 **Regional Transportation Advisory Committee**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **November 11, 2009**
4 **NRPC Office, 155 Lake Street, St. Albans, VT**
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6 **Attendance:**

7 TAC Members: Paul Hansen (Alburgh), Chad Spooner (Saint Albans City), John Whitney (St.
8 Albans Town), Jerry Baitz (Georgia), Jim Tomlinson (Richford), David Leslie (Grand Isle),
9 Raymond Larose (Enosburg Falls), Cynthia Scott (MVRT)

10 Others: Bethany Remmers (staff), Bill Walker (St. Albans Town), Dick Roberge (Enosburg
11 Falls), Amy Bell (VTrans, via phone conference), and Lloyd Touchette (Enosburgh Town).
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13 **Introductions:**

14 Chair R. Larose welcomed everyone at 6:34 pm followed by introductions.
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16 **Candidate Town Highway Bridge Projects- TAC Ranking:**

17 The TAC ranked potential candidate town highway bridge projects using a new process
18 developed by VTrans. In this revised process, each year VTrans picks 60 high priority bridges
19 statewide to be considered for addition. The TAC would review the recommendations from
20 VTrans and rank up to 8 town bridge projects to be considered for the candidate list. This
21 process would have to be approved by the legislature. If accepted, the process would be
22 repeated yearly and the rankings from the previous year would be reset. From the list of 60, 5
23 of the VTrans identified bridges are in our region. Two of the bridges, one in Alburgh and
24 Richford, have already been rehabilitated or replaced through other programs. Bridge 9 in
25 Enosburgh will be repaired with stimulus funding this spring but can continued to be ranked
26 because it may need further work on the abutments.
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28 The TAC rankings were as follows:

- 29 #1 Enosburgh- Bridge 48 on Boston Post Rd
 - 30 #2 Montgomery- Bridge 33 on Longley Bridge Rd
 - 31 #3 Fairfield- Bridge 49 on Paradee Rd
 - 32 #4 Enosburgh- Bridge 9 on Longley Bridge Rd
 - 33 #5 Fairfield- Bridge 46 on Paradee Rd
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36 **Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, Act 250 Appeal and Adjacent Landowner Mapping:**

37 B. Remmers updated the TAC on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) and announced that the
38 Act 250 District Coordinators ruled that the trail would need an Act 250 permit. This is a reversal
39 of their original decision. VAST and VTrans will appeal this decision to the Environmental Court.
40 If the trail project does have to go through Act 250, it could set a precedent for many other
41 transportation projects.
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43 The three regional planning commissions that are involved with the LVRT have funded a project
44 to identify and map the adjoining properties along the LVRT. This effort will assist VAST, the
45 organization responsible for the trail, to better communicate with the many landowners that are
46 next to the trail. This project has been very well received.

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Updates and Information:

B. Remmers updated the TAC on the Western Corridor Project. This was a collaborative effort among the CCMPO and four RPCs along the western portion of the state to create a model plan for the corridor. It looks at highway, public transit, rail, bike/ped and airport issues in this corridor. The final report will be released soon and the NRPC will provide a website link to TAC members when it is available. The TAC decided not to have a meeting in December.

Minutes:

J. Tomlinson moved to accept the meeting minutes as written. P. Hansen seconded. The motion carried.

Other Business:

None

L. Touchette moved to adjourn; P. Hansen seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.