

NRPC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Thursday January 12 at 6:30 PM Meeting

Fairfax Town Office Meeting Room- 12 Buck Hollow Rd, Fairfax, VT 05454

Attendance

Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present
Alburgh Town	Vacant		Alburgh Village	Jason Beaulac		Bakersfield	Vacant	
Enosburg Falls	Gary Denton		Enosburgh Town	Joey Clark		Fairfax	Tim Germaine	X
Fairfield	Maurice Jettie Cathy Ainsworth (alt)		Fletcher	Vacant		Franklin	Peter Magnant	
Georgia	Kyle Grenier	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	X	Highgate	Heidi Britch-Valenta	
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Tim Green Wally Steinhour (alt)	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford		South Hero	Bob Buermann	X	St. Albans City	Rep. Mike McCarthy	
St. Albans Town	Jonathan Giroux		Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	X	Swanton Village	Elisabeth Nance	X
GMT (Transit)	Chris Damiani		NECR (Rail)	Charles Hunter		MVRT (Bike/Ped)	Vacant	
Air Rep.	Vacant		Berkshire	Vacant		North Hero	Vacant	

Other Participants: Bethany Remmers (NRPC), Matthew Arancio (VTrans)

1. Adjustments to the Agenda – Transportation planner hiring update was moved to agenda item #4.

2. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks –Chair, H. Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by introductions.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment – None

4. Transportation Planner hiring update

B. Remmers announced Kyle Grenier was hired as NRPC’s Transportation Planner and will be starting January 17th.

5. Regional Plan Update- Transportation Chapter Goals and Policies

TAC members briefly reviewed proposed edits to the transportation goals and policies in Regional Plan.

Goal 1: Ensure all of the region’s residents have equitable access to safe and affordable transportation options regardless of age, physical ability or economic status or other factors.

-TAC members noted “or other factors” was too vague. Would like to know what other factors would be.

Policy 1 d: Support new revenue sources or equitable approaches to providing non-federal match for transit services.

-Consider adding active transportation (bike/ped) into this policy.

Policy 3 b: Use appropriate Complete Streets techniques depending on the land use context,

1 including as described in Table 4.

2 -TAC members wanted more time to review the Complete Streets table at a future meeting.

3 -Village Areas/Shoulders & Bike Lanes- TAC members discussed the recommendation for more narrow
4 lanes and wider shoulders. There was concern in having narrower lanes in villages with significant
5 truck traffic such as Swanton Village. There was also discussion about accommodating farm
6 equipment. Staff suggested adding specific width guidance in the table that is in line with state design
7 standards.
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9 **6. General Fund Bridge Program- Recommendation to replace Bridge #20 (Bouchard Road) with Bridge**
10 **#11 (Church St).**

11 *B. Buermann moved for staff to send a letter to VTrans recommending Bridge #20 in Sheldon be replaced*
12 *with Bridge #11 for the General Fund Bridge Program pending concurrence from the Town of Sheldon. B.*
13 *Morris seconded. The motion carried.*

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15 **7. Minutes of the 11/10/2022 meeting**

16 *B. Buermann moved to approve the minutes of the 11/10/2022 meeting. T. Germaine seconded. The*
17 *motion carried.*

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19 **8. TAC Member and Staff Updates**

20 B. Remmers reported NRPC hosted the VT 105 Road Safety Audit Review (RSAR) on 1/11/2023. The event
21 included more than 25 participants representing VTrans, law enforcement, emergency response and local
22 municipalities.

23 H. Garrett observed there seems to be an increase in tractor trailers going off the road along VT Route 78.

24 B. Morris raised concern with poor site distance on US Route 2 in South Hero near the municipal park and
25 ride because of a low hanging tree limb/vegetation. This is one of the few passing areas along this section
26 of US Route 2 but visibility is currently limited because of the tree.

27 **9. Other Business**

28 None

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30 *B. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting. T. Germaine seconded. The motion carried. The meeting*
31 *adjourned at 7:45 PM.*