

# NRPC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Thursday June 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format

## Attendance

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

**Other Participants:** Kyle Grenier (NRPC), Representative Matt Walker (Frank. 4), Matthew Arancio (VTrans), Wendy Ainsworth (NRPC)

X = In person

O = Online

### 1. Adjustments to the Agenda – None

**2. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks** –Chair, H. Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM, followed by introductions.

### 3. Opportunity for Public Comment – None

### 4. Annual Elections of Officers

B. Morris nominated H. Garrett for TAC Chair. S. Hungerford seconded. The nomination carried.

H. Garrett nominated P. Magnant for TAC Vice Chair. S. Brown seconded. The nomination carried. P. Magnant abstained.

### 5. Regional Plan Update

K. Grenier informed the Committee of the current schedule of public meetings, final revisions, and the planned final hearing:

-June 2023: Revised Draft and Final Revisions

-July 17, 6:30 pm: Virtual Public Meeting, Final Public Hearing

H. Garrett requested an update about the Committee’s previous discussion about EV charging stations and electric cars being included in the plan. K. Grenier explained that this topic will be more aligned with the Regional Energy Plan, which will be discussed in greater detail in following meetings.

General discussion was had about electrical grids and power usage.

## 6. Regional Project Priorities

K. Grenier presented the list of identified projects to the Committee, which was compiled based on the last two rounds of VPSP2. If an item has a VTrans project number attached, it means that the project has been accepted at some level by VTrans. K. Grenier went through the list and provided some individual updates for specific projects. The proposed Project Identification List is attached to the agenda for this meeting.

S. Brown requested that Ballard Rd in Georgia be added to the Roadway & Safety section.

B. Morris requested that VT 314/Ferry Rd in Grand Isle be added to the Roadway & Safety section.

S. Hungerford requested that Route 105 in Sheldon be added to the Roadway & Safety section; specifically looking at Machia Rd intersection, and the Route 120 intersection.

H. Garrett requested that the Route 207 and Woods Hill Road intersection be added to the Roadway & Safety section.

Request was made to add Route 78 Reconstruction in Swanton to the Roadway & Safety section.

Request was made to add Route 120 village to Lake Carmi in Franklin to be added to the Paving section.

S. Hungerford requested that Route 36 and Maquam Shore Rd in St. Albans be added to the Bicycle/Pedestrian section.

H. Garrett requested that the Railroad Depot be added to the Bicycle/Pedestrian section.

S. Brown requested that Route 104A in Fairfax be added to the Bicycle/Pedestrian section.

S. Brown requested that Polly Hubbard Rd to Reynolds Rd in Georgia be added to the Bicycle/Pedestrian section.

B. Morris requested that Route 2/Hyde Rd in Grand Isle be added to the Bicycle/Pedestrian section.

General discussion was had about also adding West Shore Rd in South Hero to West Shore Rd in Grand Isle to the Bicycle/Pedestrian section.

## 7. Looking Ahead to Future Meetings

K. Grenier gave an overview of the upcoming months:

- July meeting will include FY24 Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) Workplan review.
- No August meeting.
- September meeting will include greater discussions about EV charging.

## 8. Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Meeting

72 P. Magnant suggested using different symbols for those who attended in-person verses those who  
73 attended virtually in the minutes.

74 P. Magnant moved to approve May 11, 2023 meeting minutes. S. Brown seconded. 1 abstention, the  
75 motion carried.

76 **7. TAC Member and Staff Updates**

77 B. Morris mentioned he would try to get a photo of the obstructing branches near the passing section  
78 on US 2 in South Hero for M. Arancio.

79 K. Grenier shared that NRPC has ordered a new traffic counter and will be working on Rail Trail data  
80 collection. K. Grenier also shared that W. Ainsworth is a NRPC summer intern that will be focusing on  
81 data collection and traffic counts.

82 H. Garrett suggested that a traffic count be done on Route 105 in Sheldon.

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84 **8. Other Business – None**

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86 S. Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. P. Magnant seconded. The motion carried. The meeting  
87 adjourned at 8:17 PM