



MEETING MINUTES:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

NRPC Conference Room, 75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT 05478

Thursday March 14, 2024 - 6:30-8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting Format: in person and remote

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	Matt Guerino	O
Fairfield	Dr. Lynda Ulrich Cathy Ainsworth (alt)	X	Fletcher	Vacant		Franklin	Peter Magnant	X
Georgia	Suzanna Brown	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	O	Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	O
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford		South Hero	Bob Buermann	O	St. Albans City	Vacant	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)		Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	O	Swanton Village	Reginald Beliveau Heidi Britch-Valenta (alt)	X
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), Shaun Coleman (NRPC) in person.

X = In person

O = Online

Chair, Harold Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:34PM

• Adjustments to the Agenda

- No adjustments were made

• Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks

- New members were welcomed: Dr. Lynda Ulrich, representing Fairfield. Matt Guerino, representing Fairfax.

• Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public comment was made.

• 2024 Eclipse Planning Update – Shaun Coleman, NRPC Staff

- Shaun Coleman, NRPC Senior Planner, provided updates regarding the various eclipse planning efforts he has been a part, and informed of. The communities of St. Albans (City and Town), Swanton (Village and Town),

28 Highgate, Grand Ilse County, and others have spent time over the past year working with local emergency
29 authorities and others to plan for the predicted influx of viewers to the area to witness the total solar eclipse
30 on April 8, 2024.
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32 ● **Regional Priorities: review and update** (*see attachment*)

- 33 ● The committee reviewed the standing list of priorities and noted updates.
- 34 ● S. Bousquet noted that a section of VT 207 near the intersection of Brosseau Road, in Highgate, is continuing to
35 show signs of slide/failure, despite patching and efforts made by AOT. Sharon recommended this area be
36 placed on the priority list.
- 37 ● Discussion was had regarding rail crossings and the inconsistent surface conditions that often exist in the area.
38 K. Grenier recommended adding a section to the list of regional priorities to note RR crossing areas of concern
39 in the event that the opportunity to recognize these areas becomes available.

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41 ● **Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Meeting**

42 *P. Magnant motioned to approve the February 8, 2024 meeting minutes as printed. S. Brown seconded. The*
43 *motion carried.*
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45 ● **TAC Member and Staff Updates**

- 46 ● K. Grenier shared the proposed amendments to update projects programmed for use of National Highway
47 Freight Program (NHFP) funds via the Vermont Freight Plan. None of the indicated updates fall within the
48 Northwest Region.

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50 ● **Other Business**

- 51 ● Next meeting: April 11, 2024

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53 *P. Magnant motioned to adjourn the meeting. R. Beliveau seconded. The motion carried. The meeting*
54 *adjourned at 8:03PM*
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NRPC Regional Project Identification List

	Town	Route	Additional Identifier (bridge #, etc.)	VTrans Project Number	Project Name	Description	Anticipated Construction Year			
Roadway & Safety										
	Georgia	US 7		STP 0285(17)	Milton - Georgia (slab removal)		2029			
	Fairfax	VT 104/VT 128		STP 023-1(8)	Fairfax Intersection	Scope Refinement	current			
	Franklin	VT 120/VT 236/Middle Road			Franklin_VT120_NRPC_2021-Intersection_VT235_MiddleRd	Intersection Evaluation	eval complete			
	Georgia	US 7/I-89/VT 104A/Skunk Hill		STP 0285(18)	Georgia South Village Intersections	Intersection(s) Evaluation, ParkRide	awaiting consultant			
	Swanton	I 89/VT 78 Exit 21 Ramp		IM 089-3(82)		Scope Refinement	current			
	South Hero	US 2/South St			Traffic & Safety:SouthHero_US2_NRPC_2021_Intersection_US2_SouthSt					
	Grand Isle	US 2/Hyde Rd			Traffic & Safety: Grand Isle_US2_NRPC_2021_Intersection_US2_HydeRd					
Paving										
		VT 128			Essex - Fairfax					
		VT 104		STP FPAV(66)	Fairfax - St. Albans		2024	104 Paving Fact Sheet		
		VT 104A		STP PS26(6)	Georgia - Fairfax		2026			
		VT 242		STP PS24(8)	Montgomery - Westfield		2026			
		VT 105		STP FPAV(68)	Sheldon - Enosburg		2025			
		VT 207		STP FPAV(77)	St. Albans-Highgate		2025			
		US 7		STP PS25(7)	St. Albans - Swanton		2025			
		VT 120			Paving: Sheldon_Franklin_VT120_NRPC_2021_Rehabilitation_Drainage					
Bridge/Culvert										
	Fairfield	VT-36	6	STP DECK(51) Fairfield	FAIRFIELD BRIDGE BR#6	Replace deck of Bridge No. 6 on VT-36 in Fairfield crossing the Fairfield River	2024	Fairfield Bridge 6 Fact Sheet		
	Fairfield	TH 29 (Paradee Rd)	49	BO 1448(46) Fairfield	Bridge 49 on TH 29 (Paradee Rd) over Black Creek	Proposed replacement of bridge	2027	Fairfield Bridge 49 Fact Sheet		
	Enosburg	TH 42 (Sand Hill Rd)	45	BO TRUS(6) Enosburg	Rehab of Bridge 45 on TH 42					
	Swanton Village	VT-78	6	BF 036-1(16)	Rehab of Bridge 6 on VT 78		2024	TH Bridge	Swanton B6	B6 Photos

