



# RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024, 6:30 PM

### MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 226 664 661 864, Pass: qCPd89 | Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 485 980 535#

**NOTE:** This was a joint meeting held with the Addison County TAC. For full attendance list of Addison County TAC members refer to the [Addison County TAC meeting minutes](#).

### ATTENDANCE

(X = in person) (V = virtual attendance)

TOWN	NAME		TOWN	NAME	
Benson	Cheryl Murray	V	Pawlet	John Sabotka	
Brandon			Pittsford	David Atherton Alicia Malay	V
Castleton	Jeff Davidson Michael Jones		Poultney	Sarah Pelkey	X
Chittenden	Jan Sotirakis	V	Proctor	Bruce Baccei	
Clarendon	Dave Potter	X	Rutland City	Kiana McClure	
Danby	John Mykleburst		Rutland Town	Dave Sears	
Fair Haven			Shrewsbury	Marc Cimonetti	
Hubbardton	Janet Morey		Sudbury		
Ira	Larry Tagart		Tinmouth	Judy Gilmore	V
Killington	Abbie Sherman		Wallingford	Bruce Dobbins	
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	V	Wells		
Middletown Springs	William Reed		West Haven	John Garrison	
Mount Holly	Clinton Wooley		West Rutland	Sean Barrows	X

**Guests:** Ken Upmal, Bruce Martin & Faith Dall (VTrans), Jim Gish (VHB), Mike Winslow (ACRPC), Addison County TAC

**Staff:** Ethan Pepin & Nic Stark

### MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.



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## 2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24TH AGENDA

Motion made by Atherton. Second by Potter. Approved by voice vote.

## 3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20TH MINUTES

Motion by Atherton to approve the minutes. Second by Pelkey. Approved by voice vote.

## 4. OPEN TO PUBLIC

None present.

## 5. TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Winslow announced that the Transportation Alternatives Program is now open which pays for a variety of projects, mainly active transportation and stormwater upgrades. Additionally, VTrans is offering more funding for stormwater projects through the Municipal Stormwater Mitigation Grant program. Grants are due December 31<sup>st</sup>. Winslow also announced that the Better Roads category B,C & D grants are now open with grants due on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Pepin announced that the Vermont State Design Standards were getting their first major update since 1997. Pepin said there would be several public meeting and he would keep the TAC updated as the project progresses.

- ## 6. VT 22A CORRIDOR PROJECTS UPDATE – Bruce Martin, Ken Upmal, Faith Dall (VTRANS) & Jim Gish (VHB)
- Martin provided an update on the Benson-Orwell 22A major highway project. Martin stated that he was wrapping up with ROW plans and looking to being negotiating with property owners sometime next summer. Martin noted that the ROW and environmental permitting process is usually the bottleneck on these large projects, but currently is progressing in a timely manner. Martin suggested that if the project continues to progress at it's current pace, going to construction in 2027 would be a reasonable timeline. Upmal provided an update on the Benson-West Haven segment of the 22A project. Upmal noted that it was the most complex segment due to the presence of a State owned bridge that would need to be replaced as well as design features that would allow habitat connectivity for timber rattle snakes. Upmal stated the project was very large and complex and that advancing it in a timely manner was out of his hands. Dall provided an update on PELS study in Vergennes which is looking at reducing the negative effects of truck traffic on Vergennes downtown. There are a variety of alternatives under consideration, which are primarily looking at upgrading the existing road or constructing a bypass. Gish provided a brief update on the status of the bridge project.

## 7. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 7:46 PM.

*Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin*