

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025, 5:30 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Teams Meeting, ID: 226 664 661 864, Pass: qCPd89 I Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 485 980 535#

ATTENDANCE

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

| TOWN | NAME | | TOWN | NAME | |
|-------------|-----------------|---|--------------|----------------|---|
| Benson | Cheryl Murray | V | Pawlet | John Sabotka | |
| Brandon | | | Pittsford | David Atherton | V |
| Castleton | Jeff Davidson | | Poultney | Sarah Pelkey | |
| | Michael Jones | | | | |
| Chittenden | Jan Sotirakis | V | Proctor | Bruce Baccei | V |
| Clarendon | Dave Potter | Χ | 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 | V | Wallingford | Bruce Dobbins | |
| Mendon | Larry Courcelle | V | Wells | | |
| Middletown | William Reed | | West Haven | John Garrison | |
| Springs | | | | | |
| Mount Holly | Clinton Wooley | | West Rutland | Sean Barrows | Х |

Staff: Ethan Pepin

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS Introductions were made.
- 2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 30TH AGENDA Motion made by Atherton. Second by Sotirakis. Approved by voice vote.
- 3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20TH MINUTES

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Murray noted that she was marked as absent but was present. Sherman requested correction of the spelling of her name. Motion by Murray to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Atherton. Approved by voice vote.

4. OPEN TO PUBLIC None present.

5. TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Pepin announced that VTrans has released an updated version of the <u>"Show Me the Money Guide"</u> a guidance document for VTrans grant and funding programs. Pepin also announced that VTrans was still accepting Letters of Interest for the <u>Better Roads Category A grants</u> and encouraged towns to apply. He stated that RRPC would offer inventory services and was prioritizing towns with the oldest inventories for the initial field season.

6. REGIONAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION - Pepin gave an overview of the VPSP2 (Vermont Project Selection and Prioritization) process, explaining that it started up in 2021 with an influx of ARPA funds, but had been put on hold after 2022 due to inflation and escalating project costs. Pepin explained that the process allowed the TAC to submit projects, which were then objectively scored against other projects in the State to determine eligibility. Atherton stated that he would like to see the Kendall Road bridge in Pittsford considered for this process. Pepin then presented an overview of current regional projects that are in the VTrans project pipeline and showed current funding levels proposed in the Governor's FY26 draft budget. He noted that major roadway projects on US-7 and 22A were behind schedule based on previous year's projections. Pepin then asked about potential Regional Projects the TAC would be interested in looking at that aren't currently in the project pipeline. Atherton expressed concern about the slow nature of the US-7 segments, noting that work had stretched back to the 1990s, with still no end date in sight. Potter suggested getting in contact with the Rutland legislators who were on the House Transportation committee and ask them if they could help accelerate the project. Pepin noted that in terms of paving projects, most of the areas of concern were programmed for the next 4 years, but highlighted VT-133 as a major area that was missing, especially given the very poor condition of the pavement. Pepin then highlighted the segment of US-7 in South Wallingford and northern Danby as the last major segment of the US highway system in Rutland County that did not meet current standards regarding shoulder width and clearance. Barrows also suggested that Route 103 was of concern due to limited shoulders between Cuttingsville and East Wallingford. Pepin moved on to discussing areas of concern for traffic safety, highlighting the US-4 corridor through Rutland Town, Mendon and Killington as an area that has seen increased traffic accidents in recent years. Sherman brought up the intersection of VT-100 and US-4 in particular, given the high-speed split lanes combined with the Killington Road intersection. Sherman noted that with the expansion of the water system in that area, they are expecting more development. Barrows mentioned roundabouts as a potential idea on US-4 in Rutland Town. Pepin then discussed bridges, noting the Creek Road bridge in Wallingford was in particularly poor condition. Potter noted two bridges in Clarendon that should be reviewed for potential replacement.

7. ADJOURN



Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin