

**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

**Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2010**

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at SWCRPC in Ascutney, VT, at 7:00 P.M.

**Attendance** – TAC members present: Bruce McEnaney (Chair), Chester; Sharon Bixby (Vice Chair), Ludlow; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Kristi Morris, Springfield; Neil Daniels, Weathersfield; Gordy Eastman, Reading; and Steve Cottrell, Windsor.

Others present: Jason Rasmussen, SWCRPC.

**Meeting Opened:** Sharon Bixby (Vice Chair) opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, and Bruce McEnaney (Chair) arrived shortly thereafter.

**Acceptance of the Minutes of November 5, 2009**

*Tom Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of November, 2009 as written. Second by Neil Daniels. Approved unanimously.*

**Regional Project Prioritization**

Jason Rasmussen presented the list of transportation projects, including evaluation criteria and priority rankings from last year. Jason also reviewed VTrans' guidance on prioritization, project substitution and critical new needs. VTrans will be providing separate guidance for prioritizing the town highway bridge program, following the outcome of which new candidate projects will make the state capital budget.

The TAC established a list of the Region's priority transportation projects included in the state capital budget, based on VTrans guidance, evaluation criteria, town input and local knowledge. The priorities (listed by program category) include:

**Roadway**

1. Smithville area road reconstruction, VT 103, Cavendish-Ludlow, NH F 025-1(30)
2. Stoughton Pond Road guardrail & paving project, Stoughton Pond Road (TH 6), Weathersfield, PLH TSDP(1)
3. Chubb Hill Ledges scoping study, VT 131, Cavendish, STP 0146(9)SC

**State Bridges**

1. Bridge 8 (the "narrow bridge"), VT 103, Chester BRF 025-1(28)S
2. Benny Sunoco Bridge (BR 9), VT 103, Chester BRF 025-1(37)SC

**Park-and-Ride Facilities**

1. Develop a permanent facility at the new location of the Springfield (Exit 7) park-and-ride lot, Springfield CMG PARK(32)

*Steve Cottrell moved to approve the above regional project prioritization. Second by Gordy Eastman. Approved unanimously.*

## **Updates and Announcements**

***New Staff*** – The RPC hired Joe Bonanno as a new planner. Joe will be working with a variety of programs, including transportation.

***Interstate Weight Limits*** – Through both federal and state legislative action, weight limits have been raised (up to 99,000 pounds) on the interstate highways in Vermont for one year. This should divert heavy trucks from state highways that pass through villages and downtowns to the interstate system.

***Legislative Updates*** – An update of state legislation was included in the agenda packet, but was not discussed during the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** February 17, 2010 at 7 PM

**Potential Meeting Topics:** federal transportation initiatives/legislation

*Steve Cottrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tom Kenyon. Approved unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Rasmussen  
Senior Planner, SWCRPC