The chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Lew Sorenson (chair) Gabby Ciuffreda Prudence MacKinney
Wendy Harrison Joel Bluming Jackie Cassino (Vtrans)
Erica Roper (staff)

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion from Wendy seconded by Prudence the committee voted unanimously to approve the June 12th 2017 minutes as amended with the provision that a link to the VTrans Long Range Transportation Plan Presentation be included.

BUSINESS

Scheduling Concerns for next Meeting
The committee discussed a number of schedule related issues including;
1. The committee has not historically met in August
2. Question of when and what structure the committee will use to discuss the prioritization process.
3. I-91 Westminster bridge deck replacement public meeting coordination in September or October
4. Coordination of the committee meeting with a I-91 bridge tour.
5. Question as to if 2nd Monday at 4:30pm is still the best time for the committee to meet.

The committee agreed by consensus (no official motion) to hold the next meeting on Sept 11th at 4:30pm location to be determined.

The committee agreed a doodle poll to assess scheduling options, results to be discussed at September meeting.

Town Concerns and Correspondence
Erica and Wendy let the committee know that the Brattleboro speed limit reduction request was accepted.

Erica reported on the town of Dover Bike/Ped grant application and VTrans change in their RPC role/request as part of this process. The committee discussed that not reviewing potential regional projects is be a missed opportunity. The committee supported the idea of moving the committee meetings to different towns in the region as an opportunity to learn about regional projects and improve regional participation and coordination.

Joel reported on the town of Jamaica’s concerns about the Depot St. Bridge and the State Park Bridge. Erica reported that RPC staff have been discussing approaches for the State Park Bridge. Other questions about possible state park funding resources were suggested. Erica will continue to assist that town in financial resources research, and Jackie will help with research on what has happened so far.

WRC Transportation Work Plan Draft FY 2018
Erica and Lew explained the nature of the work plan as an inclusive rather than prescriptive document. The source of the structure as agreed upon by VTrans and the RPC’s was explained. Erica explained the process and goals of creating this document which aims to provide some guidance, and timeline as well as what can be done under the TPI program. Finally Erica explained and Jackie confirmed the flexibility of the work plan to allow the WRC to respond to town requests and Transportation Committee requests that meet the overall goals of serving the region.

The Transportation Committee elected to discuss their specific comments, areas of clarity, and elements they would like explicitly added to the work plan.

- Add language about improving the relationship and participation of member towns with regards to the TC
- Add explicit language to support planning for Jamaica bridge(s) replacement
- Add reference to RT 30 / West River parkway planning and grant application support
- Add reference to traffic calming support for local roads
- Add continued support of I-91 Aesthetic Committee through completion of bridge landscaping

Jackie reported that the final work plan is due to VTrans by the end of July

Meeting Adjourned 6:08pm
Next Meeting scheduled for Sept 11th
Location to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Roper
Transportation Planner