WRC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Monday, March 13, 2018  
Retreat Farm Conference Room  

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. 

ATTENDANCE  
Lew Sorenson (Chair)  
Hannah Tyler (Guest Brattleboro Highway)  
Joel Bluming  
Prudence Mackinney  
Erica Roper (Staff)  
Joe Pollio Jr (Guest Grafton Selectboard)  
Wendy Harrison  
George Mora  
Chuck Wise  

BUSINESS  

Introductions  

Capital Roadway and Paving Projects Final Discussion and Vote  
The Committee reviewed the proposed rankings from last month. Erica updated the committee on the answers to last month’s questions. The Transportation Committees Rankings have no impact on interim solutions, they are taken into account when considering which projects may need to be delayed. Londonderry to Chester Rt 11 received a number 1 ranking from Southern Windsor Regional Commission.  

Erica recommended the following updated rankings  
Paving  
Jamaica-Winhall VT 30 1 - Regionally very important that this project is not delayed.  
Londonderry-Chester VT 11 1A - Regionally very important that this project is not delayed. Supporting the ranking of Southern Windsor, Erica will include a letter to Vtrans  
Wilmington-Stratton VT 100 2 - Committee supports and interim solution and it is regionally very important that this project not be delayed.  
Wilmington-Brattleboro VT 9 3 - Interest in extending this project to avoid an orphan section of poor pavement.  
Brattleboro-Newfane VT 30 4 - Interest in coordinating with local planning efforts.  
Winhall State Highway 5
Joel moved to approve, George seconded
Lew opened for conversation. There was a brief discussion about why VT 30 ranked 4 which involves the committees desire for coordination throughout the process.

The committee voted to approve all in favor no nay.

Roadway – rankings as ranked last month
Winhall Culvert – 1 – To support Jamaica-Winhall VT 30 to not be delayed.
Brattleboro VT 5 – 2
George motioned to approve Wendy seconded all voted in favor.

Lew advocates to adding up to 1 sentence comments with our rankings

**Capital Program State Bridge Prioritization**

Wendy suggests
Readsboro 1 Very high town priority
Putney 2 Village center connective, economically important. We hope the project will maintain the historic character and pedestrian access on this bridge.
Dover 3 Not a high town priority. Town and Transportation Committee are concerned about sidewalk inclusion and complete streets.
Wendy moved to rank, George seconded

**Capital Program Town Bridge Prioritization**
The committee first identified high and medium priority groups. The committee then discussed the rankings within 3 bridge sub-group.

Wendy suggested
Jamaica 1
Brattleboro 2
Newfane 3
Rockingham 4
Westminster 5
Grafton 6

Wendy motioned
Joel seconded
After further discussion Wendy amended her motion to
Brattleboro Bridge 54 - 1 - Regionally important, high traffic, VT 9 connectivity no reasonable alternate route. with significant safety issues for all users particularly bikes and pedestrians.
Jamaica Bridge 32 - 2 - Provides access to the park which sees an annual attendance of 25,000-30,000 people during operating season with a roughly calculated economic impact of $2.2 million. Weight restrictions make operations and emergency access challenging.
Newfane Bridge 12 3 - Very important to the town and the region.
Rockingham Bridge 53 4 - Very important to the town and the region.
Westminster Bridge 5 5 - Very important to the town.
Grafton Bridge 52 6 - Very important to the town. The town is concerned about the idea of a detour which is not a viable option in this situation.
The committee voted on the amended proposed rankings. All in favor.

**Town Bridge Pre-Candidate Rankings**
Pushed to later meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**
February minutes Prudence moved for approval, George seconded all voted in favor.

Next Meeting scheduled for
**April 9th 4:30pm at the Windham Regional Commission.**

Meeting adjourned 6:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Roper
Transportation Planner