The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE
Jane Morano Purdy  Lew Sorenson
Matt Mann (staff)             Wayne Symonds
Mae Herbert
Jodi French - Chair

MINUTES APPROVAL
A motion to table the June 10, 2013 was accepted and passed on a unanimous vote.

BUSINESS

Accelerated Bridge Program
Wayne Symonds, Structures Design Engineer, VTrans, presented how VTrans is utilizing the Accelerated Bridge Program. The goals and objectives of this Program are to:

- Improve the Condition of Vermont’s Bridges
- Lower Project Costs by Completing Projects Faster
- Complete Projects Efficiently and Innovatively
- Implement Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC)
- Build on Successful and Proven Approaches to Innovation
- Be Transparent and Accountable

Wayne discussed the performance measures that are being used. A main measure is the efficiency in the project development and construction phase. 80% of all projects complete Project Initiation in less than 12 months. 80% of projects complete Preliminary Engineering in less than 24 months for Accelerated Bridge Program projects, compared to 60 months (for conventional projects). During the Accelerated Bridge Construction, saving time is also a main objective. Sometimes short term road closures allow the project to reach that objective. The pros to short-term road closures include: avoid resources, ROW, utility impacts; reduce design and construction duration; safer for workers and travelling public; often reduce overall mobility impacts travelers, and avoid using a temporary bridge (therefore saving time and money). Short-term road closures is not for every project. VTrans looks at traffic, detour length, community impact, emergency response, etc. Public Outreach, early on, is essential for a successful project development process and construction time. Right now the current funding is $120 million for the 20-30 projects in this program. One note, ACT153, implemented in 2012, includes that local share of a project in this Program will be reduced by 50% when the road is closed for construction.

FY14 TPI Work Program
The Committee unanimously approved the FY14 TPI Work Program. If any Committee members have any comments, please submit them by Friday, July 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next Meeting Date: September 8th