WRC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 9, 2013
WRC Brattleboro

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

ATTENDANCE
Sarah Linn (staff)  Jane Morano Purdy
Matt Mann (staff)  Lou Bruso
Lew Sorenson - Chair

MINUTES APPROVAL
A motion to accept as submitted the minutes of the July 8, 2013 passed on a unanimous vote.

BUSINESS

Route 100 Scenic Byway Update
Matt provided an update to the Route 100 Scenic Byway; specifically progress on the trail blazing signs. After this section of Route 100 was designated as a State Scenic Byway, the next step was to let the traveler know. This happens by locating Scenic Route 100 Byway trail blazing signs through the corridor. The existing plan is to have 2 signs per town, in the fourteen towns. The two signs were purchased by each Town. TROCRC and WRC have completed the proposed location for each sign and have sent this information to VTrans staff for their review and acceptance.

Culvert, Bridge and Sign Inventories
Sarah Linn, Planning Technician, updated the Committee on the process and progress on working with Towns on the culvert, bridge and sign inventories. She discussed the number of Towns that have already completed these inventories. For culvert and bridge inventories, Town road crews conduct the initial assessment (condition, material, length, width) and Sarah assists with locating (via the GPS unit) each culvert. A similar process is done with sign inventories. To-date Brookline, Townshend, Windham, and Searsburg are completed; and Grafton, Jamaica, Londonderry, Marlboro, Newfane, Vernon, and Winhall are in-progress.

I-91 Bridge #9 Project – Public Involvement
The Committee discussed the progress of the public involvement piece of the I-91 Bridge Project. The Aesthetic Bridge Committee will be meeting with the Design-Build team one or two more times this fall to discuss the certain attributes of the new bridge (color, form liner, stamping of the pedestrian platforms).

**Recreational Trail Grant Program**

Matt provided an overview of this grant. The Recreation Trails Program (RTP) is a federal assistance program of the Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration that provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities. Both motorized and non-motorized trail projects may qualify for assistance. RTP is administered at the state level through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, (FPR) in cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Municipalities and non-profit organizations may receive a grant for up to 80% of the total cost of a recreation trail project.

**Putney State Park and Ride**

The Committee discussed the status of this project. It has been on the VTrans books for 12 years and when/if constructed will be the first state park & Ride in the region. There will be a Public Hearing by the Putney and Dummerston Development Review Boards on September 10th, to review the details of the project. The proposed project details include 86 parking spaces, a bus shelter (to accommodate CRT), six LED, 105 watts lights and a stormwater retention area. Based on the May 2013 Regional Transportation Plan, the policies support a park and ride facility in this location. The Committee did not comment formally on this project.

Next Meeting Date: November 11th