WRC Transportation Committee  
July 8, 2019  
4:00 p.m. WRC Conference Room

**Members Present:** Karen Astley Interim Chair; Joel Bluming, Prudence MacKinney, Susan Hammond  
**Absent:** Chuck Wise, Gabby Ciuffreda Andy Coyne, Georgianne Mora  
**Guests:** Mollie Burke, Rebecca Gagnon  
**Staff present:** Marion Major  
**Presenter:** Mathew Langham, VTrans (via phone)

Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

**Introductions:** Introductions were made.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the May 13 meeting with minor changes was made by Joel, seconded by Prudence. Committee approved minutes.

**TPI Work Plan Review:** Marion presented the draft FY2020 Transportation Planning Initiative work plan for WRC. The work plan contains 5 broad task areas with specific deliverables listed in each. The committee discussed the rail expansion pilot program in Massachusetts and how to link riders to Brattleboro.

**Project Proposal Review:**

- **NHDOT BUILD Grant- Hinsdale Bridges:** NHDOT requested a letter of plan compliance from WRC for their proposal supporting the Brattleboro-Hinsdale Bridges project. The committee reviewed the project summary and discussed the budget. The 20 million requested would support the new bridge project and rehabilitation of the existing bridges. The committee noted that WRC has been involved as a supporting partner in this project for 30 years. The committee moved to submit a letter for the project. Motion made by Prudence, seconded by Joel.
- **Brattleboro Bike/Ped scoping proposal:** Staff reviewed the proposal from Brattleboro to VTrans for funding to support a scoping study for bike lanes on Western Ave extending to Downtown on High Street. The proposal fit well with the Transportation Plan policies for complete streets.
- **Wilmington Bike/Ped design/build proposal:** Staff reviewed the proposal from Wilmington to VTrans for funding to support the implementation of their scoping study for streetscaping on North Main Street. The project includes the production of final design and construction of sidewalks on both sides of the street and a crosswalk. The proposal fit well with the Transportation Plan policies for complete streets.

**Federal Lands Access Program Funding:** Mathew Langham from VTrans called in to the meeting to present on the Federal Lands Access Program which is a federal program with funds allocated to each state. Matthew serves on the review committee for Vermont. The program is an 80/20% local match for infrastructure with access to federal lands. Proposals are due at the end of August. $900,000 is expected
to be available for Vermont projects. It is possible that the award exceeds the funding allocation as states can borrow from each other year to year. The committee discussed how this program could be an option for supporting the Jamaica bridge replacement. Applications must come from the town.

**Other Business:** The committee discussed the Windham and Windsor Housing Trust presentation held at the last full commission meeting and the challenge small rural communities face with development constraints without adequate infrastructure.

**Next Meeting Scheduled:** Monday, August 12th at 4 p.m. or as needed at the WRC

Meeting adjourned 5:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marion Major, Staff