WRC TRANSportation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 10, 2012
WRC Brattleboro

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

Attendance
Lou Bruso   Jack Cunningham  Mollie Burke  Gary Fox
Matt Mann (staff) Alice Maes Nicolas Wallert
Dora Bouboulis Jodi French - Chair Dennis Franklin
Cullen Meves Susan Clark Jane Morano Purdy

Minutes Approval
A motion to accept as submitted the minutes of the July 9, 2012 passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Business

Voltrek
The Committee discussed the Voltrek electric vehicle letter. Cullen Meves, Planner, presented background on Voltrek and their request. After a brief discussion, the Committee approved to have staff write a support letter for Voltrek.

Regional Transportation Plan
The Committee discussed the Land Use, Energy & Air Quality and Public Transit draft chapters of the Transportation Plan. Items discussed in these chapters included: grammatical editing, public transit policies for expanded routes/additional trips, a passenger rail policy, establishing a clearing house for all of the transportation modes (rail, local and inter-city transit) and taxi, and more discussion on Palmer Central Corridor. There was further discussion about transit need (i.e. transit dependent, commuter, marketing transit, how to get tourists to use transit). There was also discussion about the need for additional signage to the Brattleboro Transportation Center, the Amtrak Station and information for riders utilizing Greyhound.

Update on the I-91 Bridge #9 Public Involvement
Matt provided an update to the public involvement piece for the I-91 Bridge #9. The design criteria from the third public meeting was sent to VTrans and reviewed. VTrans staff
included all of the criteria into the Request for Proposals. The Aesthetic Evaluation Committee (AEC) will be meeting with the three design-build firms, for the project, on October 17th. The Committee will discuss the importance of design criteria and clarify any questions with the firms. AEC will then review and score the three proposals in January, and send this information to VTrans for their review. Matt recognized the great work that VTrans staff has done in collaborating with WRC staff and including a public involvement piece into this design-build project.

Windham Region Road Foremen Mtg
Matt briefly discussed what the Road Foremen meetings are and the agenda for the upcoming one on September 19th.

Due to time constraints the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program and recommendations for Transportation Projects re: Transportation Plan was tabled for another meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Next Meeting Date: October 15th