

Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2021

Committee members present in meeting room: Goodnight Nobody

Committee members attending remotely: Erik Filkorn, Allen Knowles, Jon Kart, Cathleen Gent, Mark Damico

Others present: Ravi Venkataraman (in meeting room)

Cathleen Gent opened the meeting at 5:32 PM.

At the outset of the meeting, Filkorn noted that he would need to resign due to reactivation on COVID response. Spread the word for recruitment purposes.

Meeting Minutes: Kart moved the meeting minutes of September 28. Seconded by Knowles. Approved unanimously.

UPWP FY22 Grants

Sidewalk scoping: Knowles noted that Stantec plan started at Jolina. It was suggested that VHB's work was sufficient to qualify as scoping and if it is appended to the Stantec report it should be sufficient. We should be in good shape to move forward provided Stantec properly acknowledges and references VHB's work. Sidewalk scoping meeting is set for November 2 at 6PM.

Bike/Ped: Steering committee meeting is set for October 19 at 5:30PM. The committee reviewed the schedule for the project to clarify proposed future meeting dates.

Virginia Clarke suggested via Chair Gent the idea of publishing an "official map" for future road buildout and similarly publish a bike/ped map to memorialize our preferred alternatives to give us a leg to stand on with developers. The committee was generally supportive of advancing the idea. Staff feel it would sharpen the teeth of our zoning.

Route 2 Paving Update

No update on work with Selectboard. Gent and Kart have learned more about how VTrans does planning now. The 2011 methodology is no longer applicable to our project. It appears more of the selection process runs through the RPC and Christine Forde is the lynchpin. We should start planning for VPSP2 for FY23. Kart suggested that we restate our position annually in order to be on the record with VTRANS as to our expectations.

COVID Recovery

Still looking for individual volunteers for that town committee. It would be nice if there were people with a transportation interest to participate.

Green Mountain Transit

Awaiting a response from Jamie Smith. Looking to Cole to firm up connection.

Grant Opportunities

Ventataraman attended training session on the Transportation Alternatives Grant and reviewed some of the opportunities and the application processes as well as what types of projects were more likely to be successful. Transportation alternatives grant apps due end of next month. Next meeting we will discuss I-89 corridor or other alignment for potential shared use path.

FY23 Budget Requests

Ravi will be presenting at tonight's Selectboard meeting.

Schedule For the Rest of the Year

Do we have a quorum for November 23? Knowles, Kart, Damico and Gent are available. No Ravi.
December 28 may not be a good date to meet. Discuss in next meeting. Skipping a meeting is an option.
Gent not available for next meeting.

Old and New Business

Motion to adjourn by Filkorn, Seconded by Knowles. Approved unanimously. No abstentions.

-Erik Filkorn