

Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019

In Attendance: Chris Cole (co-chair), Cathleen Gent (co-chair) Erik Filkorn, Jon Kart
Others: Eleni Churchill (Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission), Ross MacDonald (VTrans), Rosy Metcalfe (RiseVT), Bard Hill (Richmond Selectboard), Andy ?

The meeting began at 5:45 PM.

I. Approve Minutes from December 11 meeting

The minutes were not available for approval.

II. Finalize Transportation Priorities List

Transportation Committee members briefly reviewed the priorities list, and will finalize the document at the January 2nd meeting, in advance of the January 6th Select Board meeting.

III. Eleni Churchill – Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Eleni Churchill gave an overview of the funding opportunities available through the CCRPC. She specifically discussed the UPWP grant program, including the deadline for applying and the local match needed for a local project. Cathleen Gent briefly reviewed the Transportation Committee's preliminary list of projects for the UPWP program and Eleni discussed pros and cons of each. She suggested the multi-use path on US Route 2 is not a good fit for the UPWP and would best be handled directly with VTrans, as part of the Route 2 re-paving project. Eleni will discuss the current status of the project with VTrans staff and also encouraged Richmond officials get engaged again with VTrans about their status in the design process for repaving Route 2 in Richmond. For the traffic signalization project at US Route 2 and Bridge Street, Eleni Churchill has had communications with an engineer from VTrans and will forward that email to the Transportation Committee. She also suggested Route 2 signalization is not a good project for UPWP. Three other projects on the preliminary Transportation Committee list are more in line for the UPWP. Those include a Bridge Street complete streets upgrade, EV charging stations in public places (although there may be other funding options for those), and a master plan for pedestrians and bicycles for multi-use paths on roads for transportation purposes.

IV. Ross MacDonald – Vtrans Go Vermont Program

Ross MacDonald provided information about the Go Vermont Program and examples of local projects being pursued through that program. Go Vermont focuses on community-ride suite of offerings through a tiered approach. Transportation Committee members agreed that Richmond is not quite ready to move forward, but will learn more about other local initiatives and take steps within the coming months. For instance, Richmond may pursue shuttles to the park and ride, but first we need to begin with a public survey to assess demand for and locations where people want to travel via shuttles. Funding through the Mobility for All Grant may be available for Electric Vehicles.

V. Next Steps for UPWP and Selectboard Meeting

- Cathleen Gent will send pedestrian and bicycle studies completed in recent years to Eleni Churchill
- The Transportation Committee will meet on January 2nd to take up:
 - Finalize project(s) and work on the UPWP application with the new town planner, Ravi Venkataraman, to bring to the Selectboard on January 6
 - Finalize Transportation Priorities List to bring to the Selectboard on January 6

Adjourned at 6:55pm

Minutes taken by Cathleen Gent