

Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2021

All participants attended the meeting remotely.

Committee members: Cathleen Gent (chair), Mark Damico, James Floyd, Jon Kart, Allen Knowles

Absent: Chris Cole, Erik Filkorn

Others present: Ravi Venkataraman

Cathleen Gent opened the meeting at 5:35 PM.

Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2021 minutes moved by Kart, seconded by Knowles. Approved unanimously.

Additions to Agenda: None

UPWP Project Updates

Bridge Street – Consultants are finalizing the alternatives and the draft report. The public session presentation of alternatives and report is April 8th at 7 PM. Venkataraman will send out public announcements.

Bike/Ped – Consultants are working on the alternatives and plan. Knowles noted that the consultants are looking at land ownership and property details for off-road trails, including easements and legal considerations.

Venkataraman said the consultants have a written compilation of everything that was collected through Wikemaps and CCRPC staff are working to make that information accessible. He said the upcoming public presentation is scheduled for March 24th at 7 PM and that he will send out public announcements.

Google Docs Platform – Floyd showcased the Google group and a draft document. The committee discussed using the platform to distribute materials, discuss agendas, schedule meeting times and/or edit documents (for committee subgroups). There was consensus that the Google platform will be used for editing documents – for up to three committee members, plus staff.

Route 2 Repaving Project – Venkataraman said he has received the Vtrans project summary report and there are a number of different details from what town representatives have discussed and requested previously with Vtrans. The process for providing input to VTrans is through Eleni Churchill at CCRPC. Venkataraman is meeting on Monday with Churchill, Selectboard members Bard Hill and David Sanders, Chris Cole and Josh Arneson about VTrans project summary report.

Committee members agreed that the committee should communicate with Vtrans and Richmond leaders soon to have an impact on the decision-making process. Venkataraman said he is not certain of the timing for providing input to Vtrans about the report. Committee members agreed that a letter should be prepared at this time. Motion by Kart, seconded by Knowles, to authorize the chair to send a letter on the Transportation Committee's behalf to the Selectboard regarding concerns about the Route 2 repaving project, which appears inconsistent with recent requests from Richmond and is not in keeping with our Town Plan or Transportation Committee goals and guidelines. The vote in favor was unanimous. Kart and Damico will also draft the letter. If Venkataraman learns that input can be provided after the next Transportation Committee meeting, the group will review and consider revising the letter during the next meeting.

Other Old or New Business - none

Motion to adjourn by Knowles, seconded by Damico. Approved unanimously. No abstentions.

-Cathleen Gent