

Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2021

Committee members present in meeting room: Cathleen Gent

Committee members attending remotely: Erik Filkorn, Allen Knowles, Jon Kart, Mark Damico, James Floyd

Absent: Chris Cole

Others present: Ravi Venkataraman:

Cathleen Gent opened the meeting at 5:37 PM.

Meeting Minutes: May 25 minutes moved by Filkorn, seconded by Damico, approved unanimously.

Revisions to Agenda

Addition of “standardized signs” for old/new

Minutes from June 8 Meeting

Moved by Filkorn, Seconded Knowles. No changes. Approved unanimously.

UPWP FY 21 Grants

Bridge street report was accepted by the Selectboard. Ravi did an excellent job of presenting both reports. Many of the elements of the Bridge Street plan may be able to be deployed incrementally at minimal cost. Public education/driver training are going to be critical to any rollout. Damico asked if the yield signs made the cut (spoiler alert: they did). Kart noted that illuminated crosswalk discussion in last night’s meeting might be better informed by reviewing the Toole report. Filkorn suggested developing a matrix of the elements of the report to better evaluate which ones could be developed on their own and which might be dependent on others so that if it is phased, we manage consequences carefully.

UPWP FY 22 Grants

Both approved. Further proof of the value of Ravi. CCRPC is reviewing list of available consultants. Expecting to have a short list by August/September. The chair asked if there were any lessons learned from the previous go around. Knowles noted some of the input on the sidewalk meetings and some clarification may need to be provided to the board and some reconciliation of the boundaries of the various study areas. Knowles expressed support for the Williams Hill project. Filkorn noted that he had a potential conflict of interest as an abutting landowner of the potential ROW on Williams Hill.

Route 2 Update

Still work in progress. No new updates from Ravi. Josh is staying on top of VTrans and trying to keep channels open and the right people in the room when meetings do happen.

Grant Opportunities

Park and ride grants are coming around but none of our facilities are eligible.

Old and New Business

Cole reached out to Green Mountain Transit to set up a meeting with this committee. They will be attending our meeting on July 27th.

Chair Gent received an email from Diane Mariano (Parking Committee). They are looking to develop consistent signage for wayfinding/parking. Filkorn volunteered to be a liaison to the conversation. Kart will also join.

Damico expressed that he is impressed with the level of talent that is present on this committee but expressed frustration that the approach to projects feels a bit piecemeal. Hopes we can stay focused on the big picture. Conversation ensued about how we fit into the bigger picture. Gent offered to develop a draft project summary that we would share with the Planning Commission periodically.

Floyd volunteered to develop a running task list and bring it to the next meeting.

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

-Erik Filkorn