

Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023

Committee members present: Chris Cole (Chair), Cathleen Gent (Vice Chair), Keith Jennings, Jon Kart, Susan Wells,

Others present: Connie van-Eeghan (RHC), Hanna Harrington, Judy Rosovoski (RCC), Allison Aiken, Gary Bressor, Dan Mallett (D&K), Bryan Davis (CCRCP), Keith Osborne (Town Planner), Lisa Miller (SB member)

All attended remotely.

A quorum was reached and the Vice Chair convened the meeting at 5:32 PM.

1. Welcome and Public Comments: No public comments for items not on the agenda.

2. Revisions to Agenda: None.

3. Approve Minutes from October 10, 2023, meeting: There were no corrections or additions. **Motion by Gent, seconded by Wells, to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.**

4. Gateway Scoping Study Discussion: Dan and Bryan introduced the background and alternatives that the Western Gateway Projects Team has been developing. Included in this discussion was the Project overview and status document, which has embedded videos on the use of Flexible Delineators on Route 2 and Pathway/Boardwalk examples from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Support for the overland “Emerald” Trail portion of the project was offered by Judy Rosovsky (RCC via email too), Allison Aiken and Hanna Harrington (Richmond Trails Committee) and Connie van-Eeghan (RHC).

The project team and RTC discussed phasing scenarios and the fact that any phased approach must have each phase stand on its own. Discussion ensued on a Riverview to the Park and Ride as a standalone phase along with suturing the Village, in one form or another, to the Park and Ride. Gent had concerns that the Village phase may not have the same priority as the Riverview phase. Cole discussed avenues for funding as well as potential scenarios for the pinch points. Cemetery pathway discussed with a myriad of legal issues to this scenario.

The board appears to lean heavily toward the Emerald Overland trail as the preferred alternative.

5. In-Progress Projects:

Bridge Bike/Ped:

- The Upper Bridge project RFP finalization meeting is scheduled for October 26 at noon with Cole, Gent, Josh Arneson and Osborne.
- The Lower Bridge update includes the selection of VHB as the Design firm and the board was reminded that CCRCP’s Sai Sarepalli is the town designated Project Manager.
- Funding status presented by Osborne and submitted.

6. General Updates:

a) Share the Road update: The goal will be next Spring that this will be resurrected and enacted. The subcommittee will be dark during the winter.

b) Route 2 Pinch Point Study: Report to be presented on the 11-6-2023 SB agenda. Jennings said he will try to get some photos of the pinch points for the meeting. Questions about the work by the cemetery ensued and it appears curbing is being installed.

7. Other Business

- **Recruitment discussion**
- **Resignations discussion**

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- THBC cost break-out
- US2 Pinch Points study: SB Presentation debrief.
- Project Pipeline

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Gent seconded by Jennings. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Minutes by K. Osborne

Abbreviations used in RTC minutes: ARPA = American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; CCRPC = Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission; D&K = Dubois and King; GMT=Green Mountain Transit; PPL = Project Pipeline Document; RCC=Richmond Conservation Committee; RHC=Richmond Housing Committee; RTC = Richmond Transportation Committee; RVC=Riverview Commons; SB = Selectboard; TAP=Transportation Alternatives Program; THBC = intersection of Thompson Rd, Huntington Rd, Bridge St, and Cochran Rd; UPWP = Unified Planning Work Program; VDH = VT Dept. of Health; VPSP2=Vermont Project Selection and Project Prioritization; VTRANS=Vermont Agency of Transportation;