

# **Draft** Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024

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

Others present: Keith Osborne (Town Planner), Bryan Davis (CCRPC), Dan Mallach (DuBois & King)

All attended remotely.

A quorum was reached, and the Chair convened the meeting at 5:39pm.

**1. Welcome and Public Comments:** No public comments.

**2. Revisions to Agenda:** There were no revisions to the agenda.

**3. Approve Minutes from February 13, 2024 meeting:** There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. **Gent motioned to accept the minutes, Wells seconded, passed unanimously.**

**4. Gateway Scoping Study Presentation by Dubois & King and CCRPC:** At a previous presentation in October, an informal vote was taken as to the committee's preference with two alternatives. The committee voted in favor of the Gateway Trail. D&K is ready to finalize the proposal for presentation to the Selectboard. The current estimate for completion is \$10 million. The alternative for a straight path on the north side would be \$5 million. D&K will be preparing the draft report for review and finalizing the report. It will then be offered to the SB for their acceptance. It does not need to be adopted, but their acceptance is important for an indication of community support when seeking funding.

Dan Mallach then reviewed the proposal and discussed options that need more information and cost estimates, which will vary depending on the surface of the trail and whether the route of the trail is altered. There could be federal funding available, but there is the issue of having the local match. There are lots of capital projects in the works right now.

**5. Share the Road Update:** Wells described the contest to create a yard display, a diorama, a sign, etc. The contest will be launched around May 1 with judging between May 29 and June 5. Will be launched via Front Porch Forum and posters being created by a high school student. There will be links to an entry form and contest rules and marked as sponsored by the Richmond Transportation Committee. Lots of prizes have been donated and the businesses that have donated will be publicly thanked.

## **6. General Updates**

- a. Upper and Lower Bridge Street Bike/Ped project:** Osborne advised the Committee that outreach to affected landowners/businesses/residents about the upper Bridge St. sidewalk projects has been ongoing and KO has met with all the affected businesses. There is still discussions with RCK about parking, with more ideas to be investigated.

Concepts for Lower Bridge St. will be available in late March and reported at the next meeting.

**b. Cochran Road Scoping Project:** The SB was notified that the project was to start in March and they gave their approval to start. A local concerns meeting will be scheduled for late March or early April at a TC meeting. KO spoke to Peter Gosslin about the speed bumps; he would much prefer permanent macadam speed tables. The SB has all the information they need to proceed with installation; Wells volunteered to talk to the SB after the new board has been voted in.

**c. THBC:** The memo/pros-cons document is ready except for a decision on the street lighting. We may not have the answer before submitting the memo. KO will discuss with Josh on when to send the memo to the SB.

**7. Agenda items for the next meeting:** Gateway Scoping study if we have received the revised proposal. Cochran Road Scoping Study – KO to find out when the local concerns meeting will be held, perhaps at our next meeting.

**6. Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded; passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.**

#### **Minutes taken by Susan Wells**

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.