



MEETING MINUTES:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission
 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
 Town of Georgia Highway Garage, 83 Plains Road, Georgia Center, VT
 Thursday July 11, 2024 - 6:30-8:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting Format: in person and remote

Attendance

Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present	Municipality	Rep.	Present
Alburgh Town	Vacant		Alburgh Village	Jason Beaulac		Bakersfield	Vacant	
Enosburg Falls	Gary Denton		Enosburgh Town	Joey Clark		Fairfax	Matt Guerino	
Fairfield	Dr. Lynda Ulrich Cathy Ainsworth (alt)	O	Fletcher	Vacant		Franklin	Peter Magnant	
Georgia	Suzanna Brown	X	Grand Isle	Barclay Morris	O	Highgate	Sharon Bousquet	
Isle La Motte	Vacant		Montgomery	Mark Brouillette		Richford	Wally Steinhour	
Sheldon	Seth Hungerford		South Hero	Bob Buermann	X	St. Albans City	Vacant	
St. Albans Town	David Allerton John Montagne (alt)		Swanton Town	Harold Garrett	X	Swanton Village	Heidi Britch-Valenta Bill Sheets (alt)	O
GMT (Transit)	Chris Damiani		NECR (Rail)	Charles Hunter		MVRT (Bike/Ped)	Vacant	
Air Rep.	Vacant		Berkshire	Vacant		North Hero	Vacant	

Other Participants: Kyle Grenier (NRPC), Shaun Coleman (NRPC), Chuck Verderber (NRPC Commissioner) in person.
 X = In person
 O = Online

Chair, Harold Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:31PM

• Adjustments to the Agenda

3A. added to the agenda: 7/11/24 Flooding and FEMA Grant Update (Shaun Coleman, NRPC)

• Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks

H. Garrett thanked the Town of Georgia Highway Crew for allowing the TAC to meet at their facility.

• Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was made.

• 7/11/24 Flooding and FEMA Grant Update (Shaun Coleman, NRPC)

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- Shaun Coleman, NRPC Senior Planner, provided updates including current northwest region concerns as a result of recent heavy rain, and rising river levels. S. Coleman also briefed the committee on the current hazard mitigation grant available through the State of Vermont. Of note: Letter of Intent due in August 2024, approximately \$90 mil. in funding available, with zero local match required.
 - **Review of the FFY 2025 Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) Work Program (Action Item)**
Tac will review FFY 2025 work program and may recommend for approval by the NRPC Board of Commissioners
 - K. Grenier reviewed the TPI Work Program and edits which reflect the FFY 25 requirements as communicated by Vermont Agency of Transportation.
B. Buermann moved to recommend the FFY 2025 Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) Work Program to the Northwest Regional Planning Board of Commissioners as presented. Lynda Ulrich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
 - **Swanton Village Transportation Projects Update**, Heidi Britch-Valenta
Projects include: Merchants Row ADA access & Grand Ave improvements (Transportation Alternatives Grant), Church Street 1 way & bike lanes (Transportation Alternatives Grant), 74 Merchants Row – parking lot development & EV chargers appl.
 - H. B. Valenta presented an overview of the Downtown Swanton Scoping Study and the 2019 VHB Safety Study. Portions of these studies have been selected as current improvement projects for the areas surrounding the Village Green.
 - H.B. Valenta also noted that the Veterans Memorial Bridge in the Village is on day two of their planned closure for repairs, and that the detour intersection at US 7 and Beebe Rd. had been upgraded to an all-way automated signal rather than the previously planned all-way stop.
 - **Looking Ahead to Future Meetings**
 - No August Meeting
 - Topics of Interest for upcoming meetings
 - Follow up on proposed I89 Welcome Center
 - More meeting locations across the region
 - TAC Rules of Procedure update
 - **Minutes of the June 13, 2024 Meeting**
S. Brown motioned to approve the June 13, 2024 meeting minutes as printed. Lynda Ulrich seconded. The motion carried with one abstention.
 - **TAC Member and Staff Updates**
 - B. Morris asked about temporary traffic counter on US 2 in South Hero. K. Grenier mentioned it could be part of the VTrans annual traffic data collection effort, and will confirm.
 - **Other Business**
 - Next meeting: September 12, 2024
S. Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. B. Buermann seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM
 - **Town of Georgia Highway Garage Department facility tour**