



# RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024, 5:30 PM

### MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 226 664 661 864, Pass: qCPd89 | Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 485 980 535#  
In-Person: The Opera House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 67 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701

### ATTENDANCE

(X = in person) (V = virtual attendance)

TOWN	NAME		TOWN	NAME	
Benson	Cheryl Murray		Pawlet	John Sabotka	
Brandon	Dan Snow	V	Pittsford	David Atherton	
Castleton	Michael Jones		Poultney	Sarah Pelkey	
Chittenden	Jan Sotirakis	V	Proctor	Bruce Baccei	X
Clarendon	Dave Potter	X	Rutland City	Kiana McClure	
Danby	John Mykleburst		Rutland Town	Dave Sears	
Fair Haven			Shrewsbury	Marc Cimonetti	
Hubbardton	Janet Morey		Sudbury		
Ira	Larry Tagart		Tinmouth	Sherry Johson	V
Killington			Wallingford	Bruce Dobbins	
Mendon	Larry Courcelle		Wells		
Middletown Springs	William Reed		West Haven	John Garrison	
Mount Holly	Clinton Wooley		West Rutland	Sean Barrows	

**Guests:** Matthew Arancio (VTrans), Faith Dall (VTrans)

**Staff:** Ethan Pepin

### MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 29TH AGENDA

Motion by Potter to approve the agenda. Second by Baccei. Approved by voice vote.



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## 3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 30TH MINUTES

Previous meeting minutes listed the wrong date, amended minutes were presented. Motion by Potter to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Baccei. Approved by voice vote.

## 4. OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public comments.

## 5. RUTLAND REGIONAL PLAN – Ethan Pepin

Pepin gave an overview of the Regional Plan goals, and statutory basis. Pepin then explained in detail the required elements of a transportation chapter, which are a map and narrative of present and prospective facilities, as well as a recommended list of regional projects based on overall needs. Pepin then explained that the TAC could help with this process by promoting the survey and other public engagement events, as well as providing input on the chapter goals and policies. Pepin then highlighted how the TAC would be critical in helping to develop a list of regional projects. Pepin noted that it would be a good chance to step outside the lens of local infrastructure concerns and look objectively at what the biggest needs were as a region. Pepin then compared past goals with the current organizational method and noted the importance of making goals actionable and measurable. Pepin then showed a spreadsheet listing all the project from the last plan and laid out their current status, whether fully constructed, in the pipeline for construction, in ROW or lacking any funding. He noted that all of the paving projects were constructed, and the larger road construction projects were moving forward although some were still stuck in ROW for the next 3 years. Pepin asked Arancio to speak to the ways in which Regional Plan priorities get translated into VTrans project prioritization. Arancio explained that the Regional Plan priorities are a great opportunity to signal priorities to the Agency. Arancio explained that the new Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Integration program in VTrans that translates plan goals and priorities into a map which can inform grant scoring and other project development. Arancio also noted the benefits of the Regional Plan for advocacy, because it allows the RRPC to advocate for identified projects since they have gone through a full planning process and been approved by all the regional communities.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pepin announced the Animating Infrastructure Grant from the Vermont Arts Council which funds community art projects around creating public art that enhances the aesthetics of transportation infrastructure. Pitches for the grant are due March 18<sup>th</sup>. If the pitch is accepted, applicants will be invited to develop a full application.

## 7. TOWN UDATES

Pepin asked if towns were having any issues with back roads due to the freezing and thawing cycles that were becoming more common. Discussion was had, no TAC members reported any overly burdensome maintenance related to these weather events.

## 8. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 6:15 PM.



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*Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin*