RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 2026, 5:30 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Teams Meeting, ID: 226 664 661 864, Pass: qCPd89 I Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 485 980 535#

ATTENDANCE

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

TOWN	NAME		TOWN	NAME	
Benson	Cheryl Murray		Pawlet	Jim Simonds	
Brandon	Seth Hopkins		Pittsford	Chad Eugair	X
Castleton	Jeff Davidson Michael Jones		Poultney Village Poultney Town	Joel Roberts Alan-Glenn	V
Chittenden	Jan Sotirakis	V	Proctor	Bruce Baccei	
Clarendon	Dave Potter	X	Rutland City	David Allaire	
Danby	John Mykleburst		Rutland Town	Christopher Poirier	
Fair Haven			Shrewsbury	Bob Knudsen	
Hubbardton			Sudbury		
Ira			Tinmouth	Judy Gilmore	V
Killington			Wallingford	Bruce Dobbins	
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	V	Wells		
Middletown Springs	William Reed		West Haven	John Garrison	
Mount Holly	Clinton Wooley		West Rutland	Sean Barrows	X

Ex Officio: Faith Dall - VTrans
Staff: Ethan Pepin – RRPC

MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS
   Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 29th AGENDA
   Motion made by Sotirakis to approve the agenda. Second by Eugair. **Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24th MINUTES
   Motion by Sotirakis to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Eugair. **Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

4. RUTLAND CITY ROAD RECONFIGURATION POST-CONSTRCTION REPORT
   Pepin presented on data analysis of Rutland City's 2024 Woodstock Avenue and North Main Street road reconfiguration substantially reduced reported crashes while producing modest peak-period travel-time increases and limited side-street traffic growth. Sotirakis and other participants identified short merge areas, lane alignment, signage, and turn-lane concerns around McDonald's, North Main Street, and other Rutland intersections. The Committee discussed a city scoping study for the Woodstock/Main and West/Main areas and received an update on the approved Center Street design, including pedestrian improvements, one-way traffic, a chicane, retained parking, and a flexible curbless street layout.

5. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
   Pepin gave an overview of currently available VTrans grant programs. Pepin noted that the Better Roads grant program had been extended and was due November 20th. Pepin also highlighted the Transportation Alternatives Program, which provides funding for scoping and design/construction projects primarily around bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Pepin then gave an overview of the Municipal Highway Stormwater Mitigation Program which pays for scoping and design/construction of stormwater improvements that improve water quality.

6. VTRANS UPDATE
   Dall introduced a recurring VTrans update and demonstrated the revised VT Transparency website, which provides a forward-looking view of projects expected within three years and a five-year retrospective.

7. TAC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES
   Sotirakis and municipal representatives discussed delays, bidding, cost estimates, and scheduling for highway safety grants, particularly guardrail and tree-removal work; Dall clarified that the grants appear to remain available through June 2028. Town representatives reported seasonal road preparation, paving and drainage work, emerald ash borer tree removal, crack sealing, and operational challenges involving staffing, traffic control, contractors, and utility lines.

8. ADJOURN
   Adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin