

Vergennes Transportation Task Force

Meeting Notes

Task Force Meeting No. 5

Date/Time: September 3, 2014 / 6:30 PM
Place: Vergennes Fire Station
Next Meeting: September 3, 2014
Attendees: Greg Edwards, Joe Klopfenstein, Rebecca Rey, Joe Klopenstein, Margaret Lowe, Diane Lanpher, Bonnie Christie, Shannon Haggett
Absentees: See email list
Distribution: See email list

Items Discussed:

Action:

- VT 22A Truck traffic** Diane will provide the letter to the Truck and Bus Association to Greg Edwards for signature. She will add the contact information for the task force. Since this has been requested twice to be on the City Council agenda and has not been discussed, the task force decided to send out with just the task forces' signature. Diane Lanpher/Greg Edwards
- ACRPC Transportation Grant Application** – The application was the only one received by the ACRPC and was approved for \$25k in funding at the August 20th TAC meeting. The next step is the ACRPC will develop an RFP and work with the City to finalize it and select a consultant. Eventually we will need to propose City members to work with the ACRPC.
- ACRPC Grant Presentation:** A slide presentation is not required since the application was approved.
- Parking/One-way streets** – The goal is to provide more space bikes and on street parking. Rebecca Rey and Joel Melnick measured the widths for various streets and many were less than 25 feet wide. This makes them narrow to expand parking to both sides while maintaining sufficient lane width for a one way street operation. One possibly is to seek input from the fire department on needed minimum widths for emergency access. Also consider signing and publicizing parking areas. Rebecca researched the pros and cons for one way streets and found nothing conclusive. It was suggested we do an inventory number of spaces and number of available parking spaces during peak periods. Joel K. will conduct a parking survey at the VSO event at the Opera House. Joel M. will count the available spaces during the event. Rebecca will conduct an available parking space count on a weekday and Saturday. This will provide a basis of the available parking issue. Rebecca Rey
- VTrans Bike/Ped Grant Application** – This was an application for a sidewalk at the north end of Main Street. It was not selected and Diane is following up with VTrans.
- Additional Agenda items** – Discussion of the VTrans Transportation Alternative Grant program was tabled to discuss pursuing the SCBC program. For future meetings all members will develop potential projects for discussion. One possibly was the bridge over Otter Creek sidewalk. Diane researched the bridge inspection report for the bridge. Another possibility is to pursue needed bike/ped connections in the City. The 2006 bike/ped study and the Middlebury student report may be a good basis to bike/ped improvements.
- Strong Communities Better Connections Program** : As suggested by the

ACRPC, this has been discussed with the City Council and the grant administrators. Diane, Shannon and Greg will work with the ACPRC to pursue an application. Greg has requested participation by the economic development and basin task forces. Greg will set up a conference call for 1 pm on Friday to discuss the application with the CCRPC. All members will research other master plans and RFP's that may assist with application.

8. **Next meeting:** October 1, 2014, 6:30 pm at the Fire station, Green Street. Joel Melnick will to reserve it and get the key.