

# Vergennes Transportation Task Force

# Meeting Notes

Task Force Meeting No. 6

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Date/Time: October 1, 2014 / 6:30 PM  
Place: Vergennes Fire Station  
Next Meeting: October 29, 2014  
Attendees: Greg Edwards, Margaret Lowe, Steve Lowe, Diane Lanpher, Bonnie Christie, Shannon Haggett, Joel Melnick  
Absentees: See email list  
Distribution: See email list

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## Items Discussed:

## Action:

- VT 22A Truck traffic** Diane developed a letter to the Truck and Bus Association. Diane will ask for traffic count data for VT 22A by vehicle classification. Steve Lowe will drive and provide driving time and mileage for VT22A, Addison VT 17 to Ferrisburgh US7 and for VT17 and US7 to VT22A intersection in Ferrisburgh. Diane Lanpher/  
Steve Lowe
- ACRPC Transportation Grant Application** – The application was the only one received by the ACRPC and was approved for \$25k in funding at the August 20<sup>th</sup> 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 for 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. Diane conducted a parking survey at the VSO event at the Opera House. Diane and Joel M. counted the available spaces before and during the event. Steve Lowe will conduct at lunchtime count. Rebecca may have conducted an available parking space count on a weekday and Saturday. This will provide a basis of the available parking issue. Steve Lowe
- 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. **Other** – Steve Lowe will develop a list of potential bicycle links.
9. **Next meeting:** October 29, 2014, 6:30 pm at the Fire station, Green Street. Joel Melnick will to reserve it and get the key.