

LAMOILLE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 NOTES August 28, 2024 Hybrid Meeting – 12:00 PM

Approved:

Community/ Mode	Representative		Community/ Mode	Representative	
Belvidere	Ken Adams Vacant (alt)		Cambridge	Eric Boozan Justin Allen (alt)	X X
Eden	Vacant Vacant (alt)		Elmore	Vacant Vacant (alt)	
Hyde Park	Richard Pearson Vacant (alt)		Johnson	Tom Galinat Vacant (alt)	
Morristown	Gerard Thorne Martin Green	X	Stowe	Chris Jolly Harry Shepard (alt)	
Waterville	Vacant Vacant (alt)		Wolcott	Linda Martin ( <i>Video</i> ) Dillan Cafferkey (alt)	X

**Additional Guests & LCPC Staff Present:**

LCPC: Alec Jones, Victoria Hellwig, Seth Jensen, Georgeana Little  
 Guests: Bob Burley, Abe Koffman (*Video*), Michel Lacasse

Eric Boozan opened the meeting at 12:00 pm.

**Welcome & Introductions, Changes to Agenda, Public Comments**

There was a round of introductions. Because there was not yet a quorum, the acceptance of the Minutes of the July 31<sup>st</sup> minutes will be postponed. There was no public comment.

**Acceptance of July 31, 2024 TAC Minutes**

*No quorum being present, acceptance of the July 31, 2024 TAC Minutes was tabled.*

**Smugglers’ Notch Chicanes Project Update**

Seth Jensen, Deputy Director of the LCPC and project manager for Smugglers’ Notch projects discussed the efforts begin made to deter stuckages in the Notch. This perennial problem was first addressed in past years by signage both in Stowe, Cambridge, and along the interstate. This decreased the number of tractor trailers getting stuck in the Notch but did not eliminate the problem. After several public meetings, VTrans decided to try chicanes to force drivers to maneuver through an artificial simulation of the turns in the Notch placed before they enter at each end of the route. So far, no stuckages have occurred since the test chicanes have been in place. The testing may continue next year. If successful, the permanent installation will make use of materials suitable to the area.

**Smugglers’ Notch Stormwater and Parking Project Update**

Parking has been a problem in the Notch for years and the latest project is an attempt to formalize parking and get rid of bootleg parking in sensitive areas. The project should result in net neutral, but more formalized, parking. There is also a net reduction in impervious

surfaces. There are plans for a new parking area near King Rock which is contingent on additional funding. Bob Burley asked about protection for nesting Peregrine Falcons and Seth Jensen, Parking and Stormwater project manager, replied that steps have been taken to protect those areas.

### **Municipal Aid Agreements Roundtable Discussion**

Eric Boozan explained that Cambridge has been working on both Handshake deals and some federal agreements but is moving towards more formal agreements with other municipalities. Cambridge currently has forms approved by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and FEMA which will be shared with committee members. The formal agreements will be necessary to comply with FEMA guidelines.

Michel Lacasse reported that Elmore has no written agreements, only Handshake deals but is also interested in more formal agreements.

Alec Jones mentioned that other regions have tried regionwide agreements rather than town by town agreements. The members were not sure such a system would work in Lamoille County.

The suggestion was made that these short term agreements could be changed to longer term agreements, renewable yearly.

This subject will continue to be of interest to all municipalities.

### **Discussion of Future Topics**

It was unanimously agreed that the committee has a good list of future topics, so nothing additional was suggested.

Alec informed the committee that he will be reaching out to those towns that do not currently have voting members of the TAC.

### **Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned at 12:48.*

**Next Meeting: September 25, 2024**