

## Bennington Region TAC mtg

4/26/23 at 3pm

Present:

Anders, Mark	BCRC Staff	✓
Black, Gordon	Town of Manchester staff and BCRC Commissioner	✓
Cuenca, Fredericka	N. Bennington	✓
Dzialo, Karen	Sandgate	
Hand, Jim	Dorset BCRC Rep	✓
Herrington, Megan	VT DOH	
Klinger, Walter	Pownal BCRC rep	
Lierman, Bruce	North Bennington BCRC Commissioner	
Monks, Dan	Bennington Assistant Town Manager	✓
Otto, Katharine	VTrans, Policy & Planning	✓
Rockwell, Charlie	Rupert BCRC Commissioner	
Taft, Chris	VTrans DTA	
Wallace, Beth	Bennington County Headstart	
Ware, Jim	GMCN	
White, Terence	GMCN	
Zaiac, Nick	Arlington Town Administrator, TAC Chair	✓

### Minutes:

#### **1. Bennington Bypass South cancelation (Jesse Devlin, VTrans)**

Project started in 1978 but was conceived earlier.

ROW was acquired.

No funding attached to project.

Other segments working well. Need for project faded. RPC and Town don't want it.

VTrans proposing language in the T-bill that would cancel the project.

Checking with VTrans ROW section about Town acquiring the property. Would be a nominal fee.

It would need to be used for a transportation use- such as a shared use path or local road or both.

#### **2. VLCT transportation platform adjustments (Nick Zaiac)**

Notable changes to platform:

Index gas tax to inflation.

Authorize municipalities to lower speed limit to lower than 25 mph.

Support accelerated bridge construction techniques.

Index vehicle registration fees to weight and number of axels.

State and local cooperation: share burdens of public safety tasks more between local and state officials.

Repeal fees for rail crossings.

Katharine: check out VTrans funding studies.

Bill: what is EV milage charge status?

### **3. TAC membership recruitment**

Nick will look for a road foreman member.

Dan: focused discussion on a policy issue and put out policy statements. Meet with Tim Corcoran or another regional legislator about them.

Katharine: maybe hold a roundtable discussion about a specific topic to draw in a Legislator.