

Bennington County Regional Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

August 5, 2026 at 3:00 PM in-person at 210 South Street Suite 6, Bennington VT 05201

Attendees: Nick Zaiac and Mark Anders (BCRC), Tara Parks (Pownal), David Conwill (Bennington), Marcella Dent (VTrans), Rita Seto (TRORC)

1. Introduction of attendees
 - a. The group acknowledged that the meeting was missing some regular attendees due to summer travel and the unexpected move to primarily being online due to BCRC conference room flooding.
2. Regional transportation project updates
 - a. Nick gave a summary of ongoing and upcoming projects on state highways in the region, including ongoing bridge work on Route 7 in Bennington, upcoming sidewalk work along Route 7A in Arlington, and the public meeting on 8/11 for the Route 7 culvert work closure.
3. Bennington traffic calming policy updates
 - a. Mark gave an overview of the Town of Bennington traffic calming policy. He noted that he is available to discuss traffic calming with governing boards, and noted that he has recently spoken on the topic in Peru. Tara expressed interest in him speaking to Pownal.
4. Survey reminder: Nick acknowledged the statewide TAC survey and thanked members who have submitted them.
5. Future agenda items
 - a. Tara wanted to add the topic of VPSP2/project intake. Nick noted that this will be the main topic of the next meeting, including capital planning.
 - b. David expressed interest talking more about bike/pedestrian infrastructure planning.