

**Local Project Management Team**  
Main Street & Merchants Row Overpass Bridge Replacement Project  
Middlebury Town Offices - Thursday, January 14, 2016  
Highlights

Attending the meeting: Selectboard Members Dean George, Nick Artim and Donna Donahue. Community Representative Ken Perine. Jim Gish, Community Liaison. Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay. Jim Moulton, Executive Director of ACTR. Public: John Fitzpatrick, Nancy Malcom and John Synder-White.

**Call to Order.** Dean George called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Meeting with Deputy Secretary of Transportation Rich Tetreault.** Dean George reported on a meeting earlier in the afternoon with Deputy Secretary of Transportation Rich Tetreault, VTrans Media Relations Director Erik Filkorn, VTrans Project Manager Joel Perrigo, VTrans Construction Manager Tim Pockette, Town Local Project Manager Bill Finger, Community Liaison Jim Gish and Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay. The purpose of the meeting was to continue strong communication between the Town and the State. Discussion included an update on: Rich's recent meetings with State Representatives Amy Sheldon and Betty Nuovo and Senator Chris Bray, and the House and Senate Transportation Committees; the composition and role of the Rail Advisory Council in reviewing the analysis of the difference in cost and duration of construction with 19' vs. 21' vertical clearance height; and the right-of-way process, which will be starting soon for early release items.

Dean George expressed the Town's interest in: acquiring the state-owned property at the corner of Exchange Street and Elm Street; exploring the possibility of no work between Friday at 5 p.m. and Monday at 4 a.m. to accommodate downtown businesses, including the Town Hall Theater, and what impact such a provision would have on the overall construction schedule – could the Main Street/Merchants Row work planned for 2017 still be completed with this schedule?; and the impact of not having winter shut downs on the schedule.

**Team Work Session on Bus Stop Relocation Matrix.** The LPMT worked on developing a matrix to evaluate three potential locations for the temporary relocation of the bus stop on Merchants Row during construction: Seymour Street (VHB proposed location); South Pleasant Street (assuming one-way traffic southbound); and the lower parking lot behind the Ilsley Library/Town Offices. Impacts to be analyzed were grouped in two categories: transit impacts and community impacts. Jim Moulton said that he believes that the list covers the needs of ACTR and the Town for a temporary relocation. The LMPT will complete the assessment matrix and asked Jim and Nancy Malcolm, as a representative of the Planning Commission, to complete assessment as well. The committee will finish-up its work on the assessment profile soon, reach-out with public meetings, and target making a decision on the relocation in April, Ken Perine said.

**Citizens Comments.** John Fitzpatrick, who has been attending LPMT meetings to monitor the ACTR bus stop relocation piece, expressed concerns about safety, property access, parking and neighborhood impacts at the Seymour Street location. The Committee invited John to submit written testimony for the public meetings on the relocation of the bus stop as he will be traveling when the meetings take place.

**Next LPMT Meeting on ACTR Bus Stop Relocation.** Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 4 p.m.  
The meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Swington Ramsay  
Town Manager

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