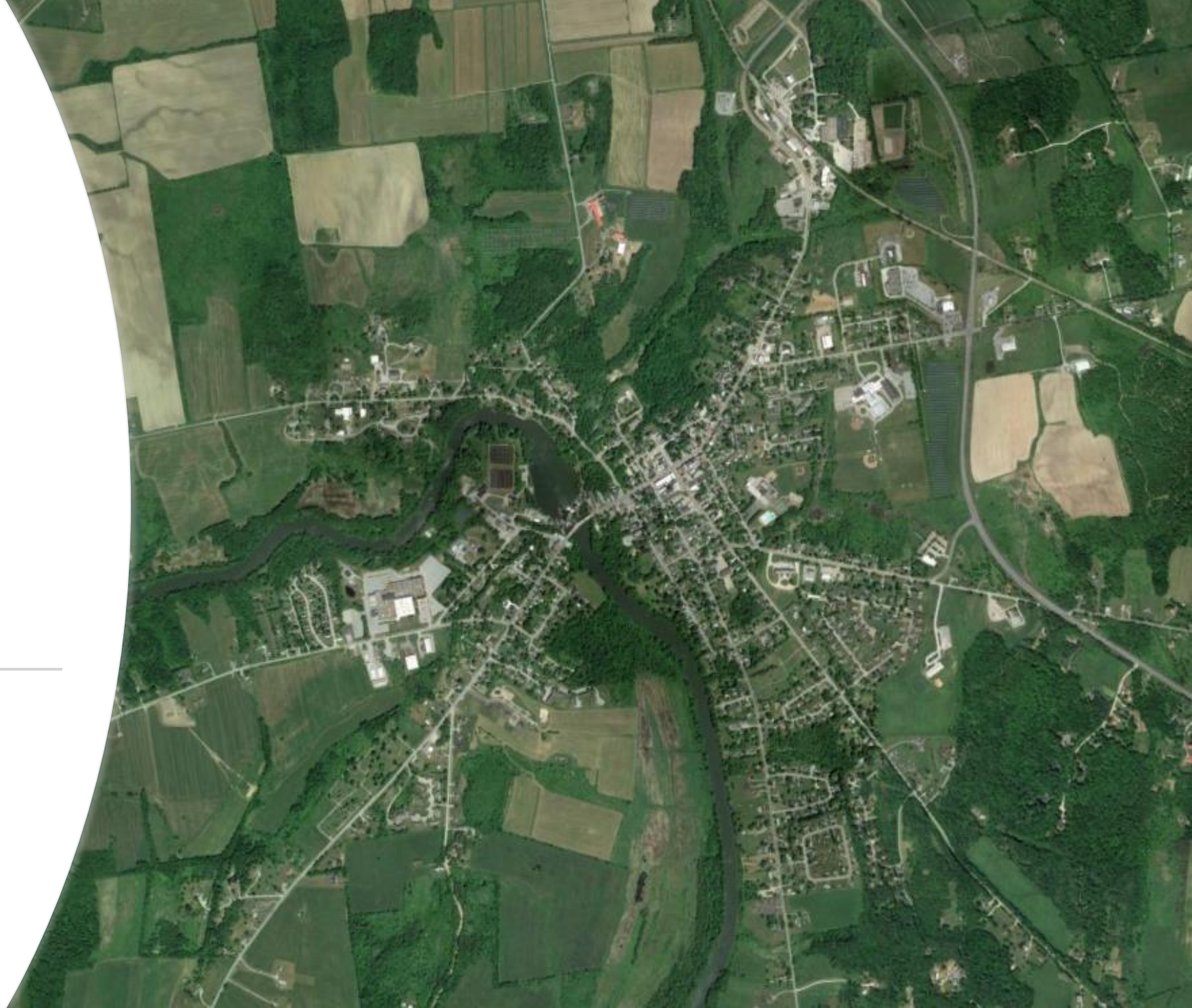


Vergennes Planning and Environment Linkages

Technical Committee Meeting
August 5, 2021



Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Orientation to Zoom platform
2. Presentation: Overview of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
 - a) Discussion/Questions/Comments on PIP
3. Presentation: Overview of the Agency Coordination Plan (ACP)
 - a) Discussion/Questions/Comments on the ACP
4. Action Item: Consensus to Accept the PIP (Vote if needed)
5. Action Item: Consensus to Accept the ACP (Vote if needed)
6. Questions/Discussions - Vergennes PEL Scope of Work
7. Member Updates and Announcements
8. Next Steps
 - a) Next steps for consultants and management team
 - b) Next committee meeting date and time

Technical Committee

Chair – Joe Segale, VTrans

Jeff Ramsey, VTrans

Ashley Bishop, VTrans

Bruce Martin, VTrans

David Raphael, Panton

Fred Kenney, Addison County

Jim Larrow, Vergennes

Mike Winslow, ACRPC

Rick Cloutier, Panton

Shannon Haggett, Vergennes

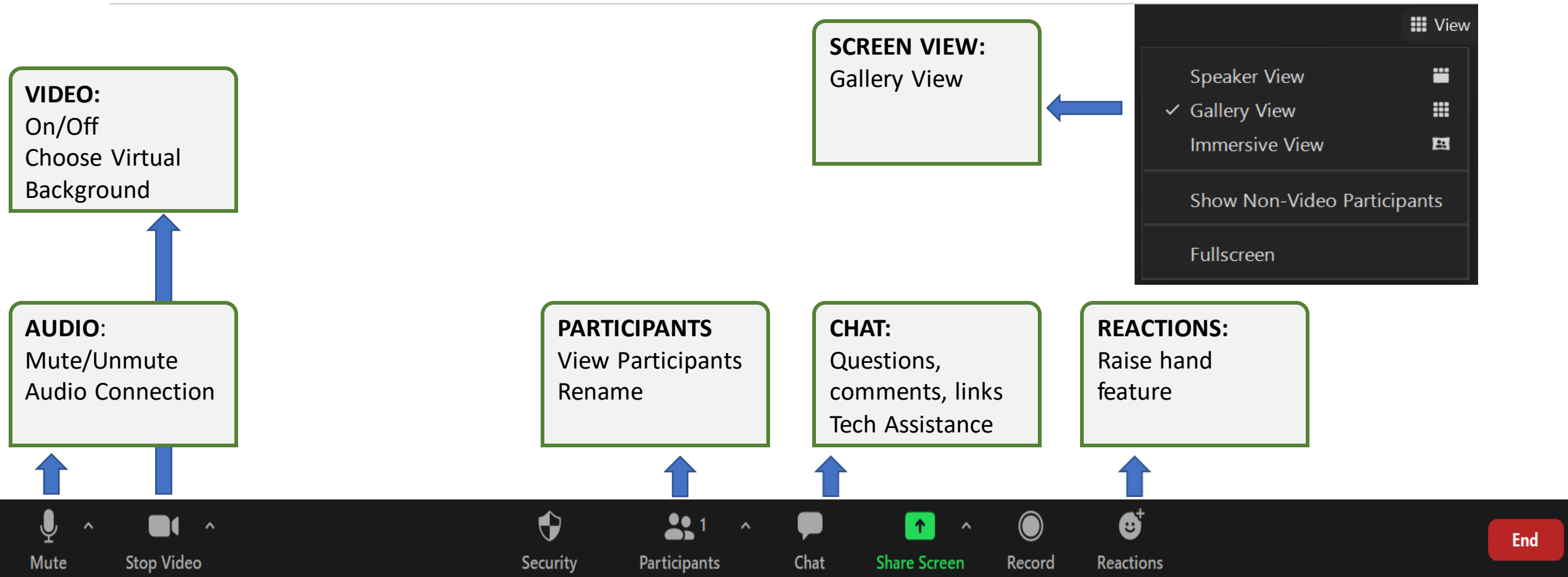
Chris Jolly, FHWA (Non-Voting)

Patrick Kirby, FHWA (Non-Voting)

John Bull, Ferrisburg (Non-Voting)

Other attendees – Mike Winslow (ACRPC) and Katharine Otto (VTrans)

Zoom Orientation



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Public Involvement Plan

Outreach Strategy & Goals

- Seek ideas and insight from the public related to identifying potential issues, developing a Purpose and Need Statement, a reasonable range of alternatives, and community land use visions to be considered in the PEL Study
- Provide clear and timely information to promote public understanding and dialogue on the purpose, benefits, and outcomes of the study process
- Gather public feedback on draft concepts at well-defined stages of the process
- Provide transparency throughout the study process

Stakeholder Audience

The study will employ multiple levels of engagement with a focus on equity and inclusion:

- Environmental Justice, Title VI, Traditionally Underserved Communities
- Public Interest Groups
- Recreational Land Users
- Municipal Selectboards and City Council
- Technical and Policy Committees
- Agency Coordination
- ACPRC Transportation Advisory Committee
- Vermont Truck & Bus Association
- Agricultural Groups
- Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporations
- Social Support Agencies

Outreach Tools

- Technical and Policy Committee Meetings
- Public Meetings
- Public Workshops
- Land Use Visioning Sessions
- Focus Groups and One-on-One Interviews
- Municipal Meetings
- Surveys, newsletters, door hangers/mass-mailers, poster boards, local media usage, attendance at local events, VTrans social media
- Project website

2021 Proposed Outreach Activities

- 3 Technical Committee Meetings (2 held, 1 potential meeting)
- 2 Policy Committee Meetings (1 held, 1 potential meeting)
- Agency Coordination Meetings / Touchpoints
- Presentation at each of the seven study area municipalities
- Initial focus groups and one-on-one interviews with key local stakeholders:
 - Vergennes Mobile Home Community
 - Agricultural groups
- Meeting with Vermont Truck and Bus Association
- Survey to Vermont Truck and Bus Association
- Meeting with ACRPC Transportation Advisory Committee and the full Commission
- Meeting with Conservation Law Foundation
- Introductory public mass-mailer
- Introductory public meeting: introduction to project and input for Purpose and Need
- Potential community events

Setting the schedule through 2022, what are the most useful tools we can use for outreach?

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Agency Coordination Plan

Purpose of Agency Coordination Plan

- Guide coordination activities through the duration of the Vergennes PEL Study with interested, involved agencies that may be likely cooperating and participating agencies under NEPA
 - Cooperating – federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposed project or project alternative
 - Participating – agencies with an interest in the project
- VTrans will use information developed in the Vergennes PEL Study to inform the NEPA process for capital projects that are initiated subsequent to this study

Federal Agencies

Federal Highway Administration – Lead Agency

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S.D.A. - Natural Resource Conservation Service

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Tribal Nations

Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Penobscot Nation

Narragansett Nation

Cayuga Nation

Mashantucket Pequot Tribe

State Agencies

Agency of Transportation – Lead

Agency of Natural Resources

Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Housing and Community Development

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets



Local and Regional Agencies

- City of Vergennes
- Town of Addison
- Town of Ferrisburgh
- Town of New Haven
- Town of Panton
- Town of Waltham
- Town of Weybridge
- Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Agency Concurrence Points / Meetings / Communication

Study Milestones

- Kick off – distribution of ACP
- Data Collection
- Purpose and Need
- Alternatives Screening
- Initial Screening Tech Memo
- Alternatives Refinement
- Alternatives Evaluation and Recommendations (3 meetings)

Concurrence Points

- Purpose and Need
- Initial Alternatives Screening



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