

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Subject	Vergennes PEL Study Policy Committee Meeting
Date and Time	July 23, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location	Zoom Virtual Meeting
Policy Committee Member Attendees	<p>Voting Members:</p> <p>Chair – Adam Lougee (ACRPC), ACRPC Kati Gallagher, VNRC Diane Lanpher (State Representative from Vergennes), Legislature Dickie Austin (City of Vergennes), Municipal Appointee Ron Redmond (City of Vergennes), Municipal Appointee Matthew Arancio (VTrans), VTrans Mary Rudd (Town of Panton), Municipal Appointee Matt Birong (State Representative from Vergennes), Legislature Phil Summers (Addison County Chamber of Commerce), Business Rhonda Williams (Town of Waltham), Municipal Appointee Brent Rakowski, (ACRPC Transportation Advisory Committee), ACRPC** Clark Hinsdale (Town of Ferrisburgh), Municipal Appointee** Jubilee McGill (State Representative from New Haven, Weybridge and Bridport), Legislature** Jeff Nelson (Town of Addison), Municipal Appointee** Jesse Devlin (VTrans), VTrans** Mike Audy (Town of New Haven), Municipal Appointee** Phil Summers (Addison County Chamber of Commerce), Business** Renny Perry (Vergennes Partnership), Business** Rhonda Williams (Town of Waltham), Municipal Appointee**</p> <p>Non-Voting Members:</p> <p>Amy Bell (VTrans), Observer Jacqueline DeMent (FHWA), Observer Mike Winslow (ACRPC), Observer Patrick Kirby (FHWA), Observer Joel Perrigo, (VTrans), Observer**</p>
Study Team Attendees	<p>Faith Dall (VTrans) Ken Robie (D&K) Aimee Rutledge (D&K) Jim Gish (VHB) Tripp Muldrow (Arnett Muldrow & Associates) Stephanie Camay (WSP) Stephen Chiamonte (WSP) Laura Toole (WSP) Delia Makhetha (WSP) Maya Miller (WSP) Annabelle Dally (WSP)</p>
Public Attendees	Allen Morey (Vergennes)

Janice Bosworth
Julie Basol (Vergennes Partnership)
Linda Harmon (Vergennes Resident and Business Owner)
Liz Marcowski (Ferrisburgh)
Mel Holley (Vergennes Property Owner)
Ted Boelens (Citizen)
Terry Pelletier (Panton Resident)
Tim Cown (Vergennes)
Jay Stetzel*
Vicki*
Steve*

*Joined late

**Invited, but not present

Meeting Synopsis

The meeting started at 1:04 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, but was not officially called to order by Adam Lougee, the Chair of the Policy Committee at 1:06 p.m. when quorum was met.

Following the acceptance of the agenda and the roll call, Adam Lougee, the Chair of the Policy Committee opened the meeting to public comments for up to ten minutes. Eleven public participants were present. One member of the public, Tim Cowan (Vergennes), shared his opinions on the proposed route alternatives.

The meeting included a presentation from members of the study team who provided a brief study overview, study timeline and the role of the Policy Committee. The team then reviewed land use visioning including land use scenarios that are outlined in the Land Use Visioning Technical Memorandum. The purpose of the meeting was for the Policy Committee to reach consensus on approving the land use visioning scenarios and technical memorandum. Members of the Policy Committee were encouraged to ask questions and provide additional feedback on the Land Use Visioning Technical Memorandum.

The Policy Committee was asked, “Based on your review of the Land Use Visioning Technical Memorandum, do you recommend the land use visioning scenarios for approval?” Chair, Adam Lougee asked for consensus from all the voting members. Of the eighteen voting Policy Committee members, ten were present to vote. Ten responded “yes,” none responded “no.” A consensus was reached. The Policy Committee recommends that the land use visioning scenarios in the Land Use Visioning Technical Memorandum be approved, including the recommendations made by Representative Lanpher and Rhonda Williams. The motion passed at 1:36 pm.

Jim Gish, VHB, the project’s community liaison, provided an update community engagement activity to date and planned activities. Stephanie Camay, WSP, then reviewed the next steps in the study process.

Meeting minutes will be drafted and posted to the study website. Policy Committee members were reminded that the study team will accept comments on the Land Use Visioning Technical Memorandum until July 31, 2024.

Adam Lougee, the Chair of the Policy Committee, closed the meeting. The meeting was officially adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Note – More detailed meeting notes will be published on the study website (<https://vergennespel.com/>), along with a recording of the meeting.