

Meeting Summary

ACEC-VT / VTrans Quarterly Meeting

Location: In-Person – Barre City Place / 219 North Main Street

Virtual Option – Microsoft Teams

Date: June 11, 2024

Program Discussion and General Meeting 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Roll Call ACECVT Transportation Committee members

Patricia Shedd, Jon Olin, Greg Goyette, Aaron Guyette, Anant Panwalker, Ken Robie, Dale Gozalkowski (late), Jeremy Stephens, Rob White, Doreen Carminati.

Featured Presentation

- 2024 Specifications / Special Specifications / CMS – Wendy Ducey
 - *Presentation available on Specifications Sharepoint Site*
<https://vermontgov.sharepoint.com/p:/r/sites/VTRANS/e/SpecialProvisions/layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B954721FD-D64C-47C6-B489-7B3FF7E8B0AA%7D&file=Specifications%20Training%20Presentation.pptx&action=edit&mobileredirect=true&wdsle=0>
 - *General Special Provisions are no longer utilized – updates will be incorporated into Special Provisions for select projects on case by case basis. Plan notes or otherwise. Information of how to complete this is on Sharepoint site.*
 - *Updated Workflow to help clarify the process better.*
 - *Project Specific NTBs being used to help get specific measurement and payment language for some items.*
 - *First project being advertised using 2024 Specifications – Williston Culvert – Recently posted.*
 - *PC&S home page*
<https://vermontgov.sharepoint.com/sites/VTRANS/e/SpecialProvisions/SitePages/Home.aspx>
 - *PC&S Specification and Other Links:*
<https://vermontgov.sharepoint.com/w:/r/sites/VTRANS/e/SpecialProvisions/layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7BEB4DE328-0053-4767-96DD-D546756C1053%7D&file=PC&S%20Spec%20and%20Other%20Links.docx=&action=default&mobileredirect=true>

General Meeting

- VTrans Operations – Rob White
 - Budget / Project Delivery – Design Projects / Construction Projects
 - i. *Legislative Session wrapped up May 11th.*
 - ii. *Budget is about 1.8% larger this year than last year – VTrans and DMV*
 - iii. *Program Development Budget about 4.4% higher.*
 - iv. *Jesse Devlin moved to Operations & Safety Bureau. Program Manager position*

- v. *closed last week and we hope to have announcement next month*
 - vi. *Kevin Marshia left Asset Management Bureau - filled by Ken Valentine*
 - vii. *MUTCD conformance date by 2026. Std Drawings, Policies updated by end of 2025 so it complies with update MUTCD 11th Edition. Notification will be coming from VTrans within the next couple of weeks.*
 - viii. *VTrans approved a new ROW Manual a couple of weeks ago.*
- Roadway and Traffic On-Call – Need to wait for Jesse Devlin’s position replacement before this contract will be advertised later this year.
- Contract Administration – *Jeremy Stephens/Doreen Carminati*
 - VT Buys Update
 - i. *Doing Data Valuation – to be completed before User Acceptance Testing – Estimated September 2024*
 - Upcoming RFP’s
 - i. *ROW Negotiations and Relocations Services 2022 - RFP is on hold until ROW manual is complete*
 - ii. *V TTC Leadership Training Services 2023 – RE-BID at a later date*
 - iii. *SHSO_TRCC_E-Citation Consulting Services 2023 – RE-BID at a later date*
 - iv. *Long-Range Transportation Plan*
 - v. *SHSO Annual Attitude Survey 2024*
 - vi. *Go Vermont Marketing 2024 – Looking into Marketing Master Agreement held by ACCD.*
 - vii. *Construction Claims Legal Services 2024*
 - viii. *PT Substance & Alcohol Testing Services 2025 – RFP Package sent to CM on 5/13/2024*
 - ix. *SE Substance & Alcohol Testing Services 2025 – RFP Package sent to CM on 5/13/2024*
 - x. *Pavement Data Collection*
- Committee Updates
 - VTrans Committees – ACECVT Appointees
 - David Hoynes – VTrans Specifications Committee
 - i. *No other update beyond Wendy’s presentation*
 - Evan Detrick – VTrans Standard Details Committee
 - i. *Standard Details commented on by respective divisions. Minor updates to 34 drawings. Approved by Stds Committee – not sure when they will be posted. Will need to be accepted by FHWA*
 - Dave Youlen – VTrans Work Zone Committee – Not in Attendance
 - Patricia Shedd – EEA, 10th Annual Trans Workshop March 2025
 - i. *EEA held last Thursday.*
 - ii. *March 2025 Transportation Workshop – start thinking of projects to present.*

FHWA

- Updates from Matt DiGiovanni
 - *Manufactured products waiver running out – will have impact on construction.*
 - *SS4A deadline August.*



Events - Recent and Scheduled

- Engineering Excellence Awards June 6, 2024, Champlain College
- ACECVT BOD Meetings
 - Virtual Meeting - May 22, 2024
 - Next Meeting – June 26, 2024

Future Meetings - Potential Topics

- Next quarterly meeting: September 10, 2024 – To be joint in-person/virtual format. In Person Sign-In: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h1niZbod-6j49Wmijg5CtJvvY7c9sf-6jpJ1y3CTOKU/edit?usp=sharing>
- VSE Golf Tournament September 20, 2024 at Cedar Knoll
- VTrans Research and Innovation Symposium – September 25, 2024
The AOT September Research and Innovation Symposium will be September 25 at the Barre Auditorium. We welcome all, especially ACEC folks, to attend and we welcome anyone with a Vermont innovative project to participate as a presenter. Similar to other years we plan concurrent technical sessions where presenters will talk about their projects for 4-6 minutes each (with questions), plenty of time for milling about the posters and demonstrations and chances to talk to the presenters, and a plenary session in the middle with a keynote speaker. Some of this may be available in real time, we plan to videotape everything and have recordings available on our website as well as Fact Sheets and Posters.

If folks tell us of their interest in the September Symposium with this link, then we will keep you abreast of everything: <https://forms.office.com/g/60PAH66h2L> (includes whether you are interested in presenting) Please ask emily.parkany@vermont.gov or ashlie.mercado@vermont.gov if you have any questions.

Future Meeting Topics (September Qtly)

- 2024 Specifications and Changes – CMS, Special Provisions
- E-delivery: General Overview
- E-delivery: Open Bridge Modeler – Pilot projects, Status/Plans for long term implementation
- CMS Estimator Updates – Project Implementation – Case Study (challenges & resolve) – Design Phase Transition
- VTrans Construction – Feedback from the field
- VTrans Operations Stormwater – Training/Guidance/Updated April 2022 Protocol
- VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian Design Guidance
- *Other future agenda items? Please forward*

Minutes Posted at: <https://www.acec.org/vermont/about-us/meeting-minutes/>

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