

Vermont Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting Held September 27, 2018

The Vermont Traffic Committee met on Thursday September 27, 2018. Committee Chair Joe Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm in the VTrans Board Room, Davis Building, Montpelier, Vermont. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Attendees:

Joe Flynn, Secretary of Transportation, Traffic Committee Chair
Wanda Minoli, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Traffic Committee Member
Capt. Tim Clouatre, Delegate for Commissioner of Public Safety, Traffic Committee Member
Tom McCormick, AAG, Traffic Committee legal advisor
Ian Degutis, Traffic Operations Engineer, Traffic Committee Coordinator

Marcos Miller, VTrans Traffic Operations
Joe Kelly, VTrans Traffic Operations
Tyler Guazzoni, VTrans Traffic Operations
Chris Mercon, VTrans Traffic Operations
Joshua Schultz, TSMO Manager, VTrans
Kristin Driscoll, VTrans District 7
Gerald Griswold, VTrans District 7
Amy Bell, Planning Coordinator, VTrans

Agenda Items Discussed

Bradford VT 25B, No Parking: Mr. Degutis explained that the District had requested a short no parking zone along one side of VT-25B in Bradford as the road is very narrow here and parked cars make it difficult to plow in the winter and cause cars to cross the centerline in all seasons. Traffic Operations The Committee inquired as to how this differed from the No Parking Zone that was repealed by the Committee previously. Mr. Degutis explained that the proposed No Parking Zone is a shorter section than the previously repealed Zone, and only on one side of the road. The Traffic Committee voted to legally establish the No Parking Zone.

Morgan VT 111, Speed Limit: Mr. Degutis explained that the town requested a reduced speed limit on VT-111 to the west of Lake Seymour, extending the existing 35 mph zone. Traffic Operations recommendation is to extend the 35 mph zone to the west, but not as far as the town had asked. The existing transition is at the bottom of a hill and just before a beach area with camps close to the road and significant summertime recreational use. The recommendation is to move the transition to the top of the hill. The Traffic Committee voted to approve the extension of the 35 mph speed limit.

Ripton VT 125, Speed Limit: Mr. Degutis explained that Traffic Operations had identified this location as one that could be improved by a 40 mph transition speed zone between the existing 30 mph through the village and the 50 mph to the east. The committee looked at photolog imagery of the proposed 40 mph transition zone. The Traffic Committee voted to legally establish a 40 mph speed zone as recommended.

Westmore VT-5A, Speed Limit: Mr. Degutis explained that the town of Westmore had requested a traffic study on either side of the existing seasonal 35 mph speed zone at the south end of Lake Willoughby. Traffic Operations conducted a study of the northern extension and found that the 85th percentile speed was 50 mph, and this is not a High Crash Location or Segment. The southern extension was with regard to a proposed improvement of facilities at the South Beach; the traffic study found the existing speed limit to be appropriate for current conditions, and cannot consider proposed/future conditions. The location can be reevaluated after the facility is constructed if appropriate. The Traffic Committee voted to retain the existing speed limit.

Additional Agenda Items: Mr. Degutis gave a brief explanation of the remaining agenda items, all of which were minor adjustments to existing certificates:

-Sunderland VT-7A is an adjustment to accommodate relocating an existing Speed Limit sign away from a residence

-Cambridge VT-15 is an adjustment to allow additional pedestrian trail crossing signage to be installed for a new crossing of the LVRT

-Cavendish is a repeal of a No Parking Zone; the signs have not been in place for many years and there is no longer a problem with people parking in this area.

The committee voted to accept the staff recommendations.

Other Committee Items: Secretary Flynn asked for an update on the Williamstown VT-14 No Parking item from the May 15, 2018 meeting. Capt. Cloutre indicated that he travels through the area regularly and there have been no changes at Green Mountain Auto. The committee discussed that the previous meeting ended with agreement for Green Mountain Auto to construct planters within 30 days of the Agency surveying and marking a 3-rod right-of-way. Josh Schultz agreed to follow up with the Agency's Right-of-Way section to determine if this survey had been completed.