

**Vermont Traffic Committee  
Minutes of Meeting Held  
December 7, 2016**

The Vermont Traffic Committee met on Tuesday December 7, 2016. Committee Chair Chris Cole called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm in the VTrans Board Room, Davis Building, Montpelier, Vermont. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Cole, Secretary of Transportation, Traffic Committee Chair  
Robert Ide, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Traffic Committee Member  
Capt. Tim Clouatre, Delegate for Commissioner of Public Safety, Traffic Committee Member  
AAG Tom McCormack, Traffic Committee legal advisor

Amy Gamble, Traffic Operations Engineer, Traffic Committee Coordinator  
Michael Golden, AOT Traffic Operations  
Marcos Miller, AOT Traffic Operations  
Joe Kelly, AOT Traffic Operations  
Tyler Guazzoni, AOT Traffic Operations  
Chris Mercon, AOT Traffic Operations  
Joshua Schultz, AOT TSMO  
Jon Lemieux, AOT MAB  
Alex Flinn, AOT HWY

**Agenda Items Discussed**

**Sunderland VT 7A:** Ms Gamble gave a brief explanation of the engineering study based on the town's request for an extension of the existing 40 mph zone, and noted that the town of Sunderland had responded to the recommendation letter with their concurrence. The Traffic Committee voted to retain the existing 40 mph speed limit as recommended by staff.

**St George VT 2A:** Ms. Gamble gave a brief explanation of the follow-up speed studies conducted at the Traffic Committee's request at their August 3, 2016 meeting due to concerns that the summer studies had been influenced by adjacent construction activities. The new studies showed that speeds were somewhat higher in the 40 mph zone and the same or slightly lower in the 50 mph zone. The differences were not significant enough for the Traffic Committee to reconsider its August 3 decision to retain the existing speed limits.

**Warren VT 100:** Ms. Gamble gave a brief explanation of the draft speed limit certificate for the seasonal speed limit the Traffic Committee approved at its August 3, 2016 meeting. The Committee reviewed the staff proposed transition locations on iVision (videolog), and discussed the seasonal, day and time of day limits contained in the draft certificate. The Committee voted to accept the Certificate as drafted, a 40 mph speed limit to be in effect "when flashing" from May 15 – September 15, Friday through Sunday, 10am – 5pm.

**St Johnsbury US 5:** VTrans Project Engineer Jon Lemieux presented a scoping study for a proposed “road diet” with bike lanes and pedestrian paths for US 5 between the I-91 Exit 20 interchange and downtown St. Johnsbury. This segment of US 5 is limited access highway due to its reconstruction during the building of the interstate. Mr. Lemieux wanted the Traffic Committee to confirm that bicycles and pedestrians are allowed on this partially controlled limited access highway, before proceeding to design of the project. After much discussion, noting that bicycles and pedestrians already do use this segment and that there are no signs prohibiting such use, the Traffic Committee voted to affirm that bicycle and pedestrian use is not prohibited.

**Bethel VT 107:** Ms. Gamble explained that VTrans District staff had requested that morning a change to a seasonal no parking zone, from an overnight prohibition to an all day prohibition in order to improve snow maintenance activities. The District contacted the town manager, who agreed to ask the Select Board for input on this topic at their December 12 meeting. The Traffic Committee declined to sign a “provisional” revision to the No Parking Certificate, since upon discussion it appeared likely that the town would have concerns.

**Additional agenda items:** Ms. Gamble gave a brief explanation of the remaining agenda items, which were Certificate updates with no changes to the actual regulated zones, simply updates of location descriptions and milepoint references. The Traffic Committee voted to accept the staff recommendations on all remaining items.