

**State Planning Council
Transportation Advisory Committee
Regional Public Meeting
Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Headquarters
January 13, 2016**

Attendees

Jared L. Rhodes II, Chief Statewide Planning

Karen G. Scott, Assistant Chief Statewide Planning

Michael Cassidy, Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor, Inc. – TAC Member

Michael McCormick, DPW Director, Burrillville, RI

Lambri Zerva, RIDOT Highway Engineer

Record of meeting

Karen G. Scott introduced herself and gave a brief introduction to this year's TIP solicitation cycle and how the process will unfold. This included the number of new projects received from the cities and towns, RIDOT's Ten year Plan, a time line of the evaluation process, an estimate of the draft and final TIP release dates.

Jeff Mc Cormick, DPW Director introduced the 3 TIP projects from Burrillville.

- 3rd in importance, Black Hut Road. It is very narrow in some segments going to 17" and unimproved. It needs widening, pavement, and drainage improvements. The town beach is off this road and the beach has been improved for recreational use. The road runs between this lake and Harrisville. Access to the commercial, government, and business area of the town is off of Black Hut Road. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic is present and the facility needs improvements to allow safer travel for all modes. It is on the Federal Aid System.
- 2nd in importance for Burrillville is Mapleville Main Street. It is .5 miles long. This project was in the last TIP. The sidewalks and curbing are in very bad condition and the pavement needs replacement too. Streetscape improvement should be included in the project to assist in the economic revitalization of this commercial area. The site of a former mill that has been raised is off this road. Small businesses are being encouraged to move there. This project dovetails with RIDOT work on Route 102, Victory Highway which was done by RIDOT in the recent past and is scheduled for Phase 2 in the TIP.

- 1st priority project for Burrillville is Sayles Avenue. This road is narrow, needs improved streetscape, safety corrections, new pavement, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes. Widening will take place on one side of the road to allow for on-street parking. Sidewalk will be on the opposite side. This road has design work already completed. The new road will encourage redevelopment in this part of town where medical businesses are present and encourage to expand. The town has dedicated \$430, 000 towards final engineering. This will be the 2nd phase of work on this road as some pedestrian and bridge work was completed by the town.

Michael Cassidy of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Inc. introduced their 3 projects.

- 1st. Blackstone Valley River Bikeway Kelly House Barn Replica construction for visitors' services. This project has lined up the following funding to complement the Enhancement funds. Agreement from RIDEM for money to go to the Blackstone Watershed Association for the project and the Blackstone Valley Heritage to contract the construction. The National Park Service has is providing funding. Significant progress has been made in advancing design of the barn. The site will become a part of the National Park once completed.
- 2nd. Complete the Blackstone River Bikeway construction. The Bikeways priority segments are in Woonsocket and should be built first to connect up with sections in Blackstone Massachusetts.
- 3rd. This Enhancement project will consist Bikeway and Waterway enhancements consisting of mile point signage on the Blackstone River waterway and wayfinding signage for the Bikeway. Both the Watershed Association, RIDEM, towns, and the Heritage Corridor have worked on this part of the Enhancement project. This was in the FY 2016 TIP also. River Access at Cold Spring Park in coordination with the completion of a segment of Blackstone River Bikeway.