

PLAINFIELD FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS WORK GROUP  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

Attending:

Karen Hatcher (KH)  
Michael Zahner (MZ) - unavailable  
Gary Smith (GS)  
Josh Pitts (JP) - unavailable  
Karl Bissex (KB)  
Michael Billingsley (MB) -  
Denise Wheeler (DW) – via Zoom  
Arion Thiboumery (AT) – via Zoom (11 am)  
Bram Towbin (BT) - unavailable

The goal of the meeting today was redrafting our submission to the Regional Priority Project list (due midnight tonight) based on feedback we received yesterday and last night. Here is the link to the working copy. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QcBLUHWjmKXQRyXQQ5ADMRIEdo5adxatSxarZbzSomY/edit?usp=sharing>

The team worked on rewriting our submission to the Regional Priority Project list which is due at midnight tonight. We need to beef up our proposal in order to have a good shot and we have been strongly encouraged to do so by many at the top.

KH talked with Kristie Farnham at the SB meeting last night and was made to understand the importance of making this the top priority of our meeting today. Kristi Farnham said dream big umbrella project – future plans – Plainfield Rises; Recovery & Revitalization. Put in everything we can think of even if it is a \$30M project

State & Federal funding request – goes to the Governor for \$\$ and resources – with a scoring system.

We learned that we have been granted an extension to the end of the day on Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Kristi Farnham will review again.

MB – Mill St. Bridge – expressed concern that Vtrans isn't looking at this project and doesn't understand the urgency. Still need SB approval for federal highway funds.

**Action Items**

- 1) Finalize and submit Regional Priority Project request.

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*\*FAS stands for Federal Acquisition Service, which is part of the General Services Administration (GSA) and is responsible for procuring goods and services for the government.*

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 22 at 10 am.

**Mission Statement: Identify, explore and secure resources for flood recovery – no dollar left behind.**