Minutes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

January 16, 2020
9:30 A.M.
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
438 Dubuque Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Todd Connors – Manchester DPW
Dick Gregory – Windham
Laurie Makarawicz – MTA/CART
Colleen Mailloux, Chair – Londonderry
Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC
Ryan Renaud-Smith – MTA
Fred Roberge – ESNH
George Sioras – Derry
R.H. Snow – Candia
Bruce Thomas – Hooksett
P.G. Tolman – Franconia
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Dean Williams – CNHRPC

OTHERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT
Maddie Dilonno, Assistant Planner
Monique Duchesne, Assistant Planner
Carl Eppich, Principal Transportation Planner
Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner
Nate Miller, Deputy Executive Director
Cam Prolman, Regional Planner
Zach Swick, GIS Analyst
James Vayo, Project Manager

1. Call to Order/Introductions
Chair Colleen Mailloux called the meeting of the SNHPC TAC to order at 9:33 AM.

2. Action on Minutes of November 21, 2019
Motion by Mr. R.H. Snow to approve November 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. George Sioras, and approved unanimously. Messrs. Fred Roberge, Dick Gregory abstained.

3.1 Consideration of 2020 Safety Performance Targets
Messrs. Carl Eppich and Zach Swick gave a presentation about the five safety performance targets:

1. Number of Fatalities: The total number of persons suffering fatal injuries in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year.
2. **Rate of Fatalities**: The ratio of total number of fatalities to the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT, in 100 Million VMT) in a calendar year.

3. **Number of Serious Injuries**: The total number of persons suffering at least one serious injury in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year.

4. **Rate of Serious Injuries**: The ratio of total number of serious injuries to the number of VMT (in 100 Million VMT) in a calendar year.

5. **Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries**: The combined total number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries involving a motor vehicle during a calendar year.

They recommended the support the NH State targets for 2020.

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Mr. R.H. Snow emphasized the importance of reducing fatalities and serious injuries, even if it requires adopting safety targets more ambitious than those of the State.

There followed a discussion about the fact that the large majority of fatal crashes are due to behavioral factors (i.e. lack of seatbelt use, distracted driving, etc.) and that mitigation of those are in the bailiwick of NH Department of Safety more so than NH Department of Transportation.

Multiple TAC members noted the need to be more proactive than reactive in addressing the underlying issues behind fatalities and serious injury crashes. Mr. Nate Miller said that Road Safety Audit applications are now considering whether there’s an infrastructure issue before choosing a roadway/intersection to study. Also, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is moving to a system of systemic safety improvements. Further, more police departments are now properly coding serious injuries, as their historic interpretation of “serious injury” has not always meshed with federal guidelines.

It was suggested that SNHPC write a letter of support for using a portion of federal transportation funds toward addressing behavioral issues underlying severe/fatal crashes.

Mr. Miller also suggested reaching out to the NH Dept. of Safety to present at a future TAC meeting.

**Motion by Mr. Sioras to recommend adoption of 2020 Safety Performance Targets to the SNHPC MPO, seconded by Mr. Todd Connors and approved unanimously.**

3.2 **Review of Recent Traffic and Bicycle/Pedestrian Data Collection Season**
Ms. Monique Duchesne gave an overview of the 2019 traffic counting season, which saw 344 completed counts across the region.
Ms. Maddie Dilonno reviewed the bicycle-pedestrian counting program, including a summary of the usefulness of counting, some sample data, and plans for 2020.

Mr. James Vayo added that a more complete method of counting was tested on Elm Street this past May. This setup included separate but simultaneous counting of bicycles, pedestrians, and motor vehicles.

3.3 **Review of FY 2019 Annual List of Obligated Projects**
Mr. Miller reviewed the Annual List of Obligated Projects, noting that the purpose of such a list is to track progress of TIP implementation from 10/1/18-9/30/19. In response to a question from Mr. Snow, he said that debt service projects for the I-93 corridor are included in the list.

4. **Project/Schedule Updates**
The project and schedule updates were made available.

5. **Other Business**
Mr. Vayo mentioned the upcoming Transit-Oriented Development Charrette, to be held on January 31, 2020. This gathering is open to the public and will be used as an opportunity for members of the public to help set the direction for the future of South Manchester.

6. **Adjournment**
Motion by Mr. Connors to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bruce Thomas and carried unanimously. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:54 am.

Next meeting: February 20, 2020

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Southern NH Planning Commission for January 16, 2020.

[Signed]
Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: February 20, 2020