Minutes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
February 20, 2020
9:30 A.M.
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
438 Dubuque Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**
Tom Clow – Weare
Todd Connors – Manchester DPW
Linda Dusenberry – NHDOT
Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning
Laurie Makarowicz – MTA/CART
Colleen Mailloux, Chair – Londonderry
Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC
Fred Robarge – ESNH
George Sioras – Derry
R.H. Snow – Candia
Bruce Thomas – Hooksett
P.G. Tolman – Franconia
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Dean Williams – CNHRPC

**OTHERS PRESENT**
Leigh Levine – FHWA
Paul Maloney – FHWA
Laurie Renke – Londonderry

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**
Tim White – NHDES

**MEMBERS ABSENT**
Mark Connors – Bedford
Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Dick Gregory – Windham
Bill Herman – Auburn
Ted Kitchens – MHT Airport
Leigh Levine – FHWA
Dick Perusse – New Boston
Ryan Renaud-Smith – MTA
Tim Roache – RPC
Mark Suennan – New Boston

**SNHPC STAFF PRESENT**
Maddie DiLlono, Assistant Planner
Monique Duchesne, Assistant Planner
Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner
Nate Miller, Deputy Executive Director
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 9:30 AM.

2. **Action on Minutes of January 16, 2020**
Motion by Mr. R.H. Snow to approve January 2020 minutes, seconded by Chair Mailloux, and approved unanimously. Mr. Tom Clow abstained.

3.1 **Presentation on Londonderry Senior Transportation Survey**
Ms. Laurie Renke gave a detailed overview of results from the survey completed by 426 individuals in the Londonderry area in Fall 2019. While 95+% of respondents held a current NH Driver’s License, Ms. Sylvia von Aulock pointed out that this does not mean that same percentage are still active drivers.
There was a discussion about barriers to using CART demand response transit service, during which many factors were discussed. In addition to "pride" being a dissuading factor, other ideas were discussed, such as:

- The self-sufficiency of the more well-to-do 55+ communities in town “taking care of themselves;”
- The difficulty in getting truly isolated individuals to complete the survey;
- The difficulty some seniors have in admitting they are no longer fit to drive; and
- The consideration of generational factors, such as many of the seniors in question having grown up in the golden age of the automobile (1950s) and associating driving with freedom.

Mr. P.G. Tolman added that “stigma” is perhaps a better word than “pride” and suggested convincing people of the attractiveness of transit at an earlier age.

Mr. James Vayo asked whether the awareness built by the survey has had any effect on CART ridership. Ms. Laurie Makarawicz said she would have to check the data.

Ms. Renke thanked the SNHPC for its help with the survey and analysis, especially the work of Ms. Maddie Dilonno.

3.2 Review of SNHPC TIP Amendment #3
Mr. Nate Miller gave an overview of TIP Amendment #3, noting that the public comment period took place from January 27, 2020 to February 12, 2020. The public hearing will take place at the February 25, 2020 MPO meeting.

Mr. Miller said that a notable development is the proposed “flexing” (discretionary transfer) of 25% of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds to support public transportation in New Hampshire. This is in addition to the 25% currently “flexed” for highway and bridge project needs. The remaining 50% of CMAQ formula funding would be distributed to Local Public Agencies through a competitive solicitation. It is anticipated that a portion of the additional transit funds will be used for the implementation of recommendations in the recently completed Statewide Strategic Transit Assessment (SSTA).

In response to a question about fiscal constraint, Mr. Miller said that New Hampshire’s federal-aid funding is distributed to the State in many buckets (or funding programs). The FHWA has advised that constraint should be demonstrated in each funding program. Attempts are being made by NHDOT to optimize flexibility and efficiency by using more restrictive categories of funding (e.g. National Highway System) first when they can. However, the overall amount of funding is unchanged.

Motion by Mr. Snow to recommend approval of TIP Amendment #3 to the MPO, seconded by Mr. George Sioras and approved unanimously.

3.3 Review of SNHPC ITS Architecture Amendment #1
Mr. Miller noted that the SNHPC ITS Architecture was approved in April 2016. Given the 2017 CMAQ project to implement adaptive signal control on Granite Street in Manchester, there is a need to amend the existing document. The proposed update adds the Manchester Traffic Division
element to the ATMS03 Architecture Information Flow and Interconnect Diagram (Manchester Traffic Signal Control) found in Section 8.2 of the document. The amendment also adds the names of the architecture flows between the MTC Roadside Equipment element and the Driver, Pedestrian, and Traffic elements.

Motion by Mr. Snow to recommend approval of ITS Architecture Amendment #1 to the MPO, seconded by Mr. Sioras and approved unanimously.

4. Project/Schedule Updates
The project and schedule updates were made available. Mr. Miller said that the Ten-Year Plan is currently in the legislative review phase. He added that the I-93 Exit 4A project has received a Record of Decision and its Environmental Impact Statement has been approved. Design-Build advertising is scheduled for April 7, 2020, a significant milestone in a project that has taken decades from its original inception in the mid-1980s.

5. Other Business
There was no other business.

6. Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Snow to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sioras and carried unanimously. The meeting stood adjourned at 11:01 am.

Next meeting: March 19, 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 February 20, 2020.

Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: April 16, 2020