Minutes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
November 19, 2020
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
438 Dubuque Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Colleen Mailloux (Chair) – Londonderry
Tom Clow – Weare
Todd Connors (Vice-Chair) – Manchester DPW
Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Linda Kunhardt – Franconia
Laurie Makarawicz – CART
Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC
William Rose – NHDOT
George Sioras – Derry
Dick Snow – Candia
Mark Suennen – New Boston
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Tim White – NHDES
Nicholas Williams – Hooksett

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

MEMBERS excused
Fred Roberge – Easterseals NH

MEMBERS ABSENT
Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Dick Gregory – Windham
Becky Hebert – Bedford
Bill Herman – Auburn
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Tim Roache – RPC
Mike Whitten – MTA

OTHERS PRESENT
Bob Bollinger – FHWA
Brandon Burns – FTA
Jennifer Carrier – FHWA
Corbin Davis – FHWA
Peggy Griffin – FTA
Gregg Lantos – NRPC
Leigh Levine – FHWA
Deb Lievens – Londonderry
Paul Maloney – FHWA
David Pierce – Goffstown
Eric Pihl – FHWA
Leah Sirmin – FTA
Dean Williams – CNHRPC

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 October 15, 2020
The vote on the minutes was combined with the roll call. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3.1 SNHPC Congestion Management Process
Mr. Carl Eppich noted that given the need to incorporate comments from FHWA/FTA into the document, consideration of the CMP should be tabled to the December TAC meeting.

Motion by Mr. Dick Snow to table consideration of the CMP to the December TAC meeting, seconded by Ms. Linda Kunhardt and approved unanimously.

3.2 SNHPG MPO Review – Facilitated Discussion led by FHWA
Mr. Paul Maloney of FHWA led the discussion, starting with the question "how well does the federal planning process serve communities"?

- Ms. Kunhardt said that Franceltown joined SNHPG only a few years ago because of its record of excellence. SNHPG has met the town’s needs since then.
- Mr. Snow said that the SNHPG’s role is extremely effective, and that the MPO is doing a marvelous job. He also complimented federal partners on their role in the planning process.
- Mr. Andrew Hadik added that SNHPG does an excellent job supporting a broad spectrum of municipalities, from the large city of Manchester to its very rural neighbors.
- Mr. George Sioras said that he has been involved with SNHPG since 1984-85; the planning commission has been extremely helpful with master plan updates and other items; they are very responsive to Derry’s needs.
- Ms. Deb Lievens added that Londonderry has seen nothing but positive interactions with SNHPG over the years.

Mr. Maloney asked how the planning process addresses minority/low-income populations?

- Mr. Hadik mentioned SNHPG’s age-friendly and environmental justice programs, as well as improved access to the outdoors through SNHPG’s bicycle and pedestrian initiatives.
- Chair Mailloux noted that SNHPG highlights issues experienced by the underserved and has helped identify projects that aid these communities.
- Mr. Sioras noted that SNHPG’s involvement with the CART transit service has been helpful for underserved populations.
- Mr. Todd Connors said that SNHPG has helped Manchester with grant applications, and also mentioned improved bicycle/pedestrian access and shared data from the pedestrian counting program.
- Ms. Kunhardt said that SNHPG provides value by its ability to turn data into plain language, making it digestible and usable.

Mr. Maloney asked about opportunities for improvements in the planning process.

- Mr. Hadik said that all SNHPG communities would have benefit if SNHPG were to receive additional funding.
- Mr. Sioras said that SNHPG has been a key player in helping communities navigate federal application processes, which has become more streamlined over the years.

Ms. Leah Sirmin asked about the MPO’s involvement with performance-based planning as it relates to transit.

- Ms. Kunhardt said that the process works well, and that the project evaluation process is very objective.
- Mr. Mark Suennen said that SNHPG has been helpful in stepping in to assist New Boston navigate the process of developing increased transit service.

Mr. Leigh Levine asked what the unmet needs are, should more resources become available for the MPO?
Mr. Hadik mentioned that education about planning is very important, and that smaller-town planning boards could benefit from an SNHPC staff member providing planning best practices and updates.

Mr. Suennen noted that a means to fund transportation projects identified in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) would be beneficial.

Mr. David Pierce added that monthly MPO/Commission meetings have been faithfully attended, and there is never a problem reaching a quorum.

Mr. Maloney thanked those present for their comments, noting that FHWA will be incorporating them into its MPO review report.

4. Old Business
Ms. Sylvia von Aulock thanked those present for their involvement. She noted that SNHPC staff are available to present to local planning boards on topics ranging from GIS, Vulnerability Assessment, traffic counts, bicycle/pedestrian counting, or other items of interest.

5. Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Sioras to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Snow. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:36 am.

Next meeting: December 17, 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 November 19, 2020.

Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

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