



## Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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### Minutes of the SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

February 18, 2021

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission  
438 Dubuque Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Colleen Mailloux (Chair) – Londonderry  
Kristen Clarke – Manchester DPW  
Tom Clow – Weare  
Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning  
Andrew Hadik – Chester  
Becky Hebert – Bedford  
Laurie Makarawicz – CART  
Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC  
Lucy St. John – NHDOT  
George Sioras – Derry  
Dick Snow – Candia  
Mark Suennen – New Boston  
Bruce Thomas – Hooksett  
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC  
Tim White – NHDES

#### **SNHPC STAFF PRESENT**

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, Senior GIS Analyst  
James Vayo, Project Manager

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Leigh Levine – FHWA  
Dean Williams – CNHRPC

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Linda Kunhardt – Frankestown

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown  
Mike Whitten – MTA  
Bill Herman – Auburn  
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport  
Fred Roberge – Easterseals NH

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#### **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 January 21, 2021**

Mr. Dick Snow noted that the word “then” was missing from a sentence on p. 3 in the Annual List of Obligated Projects section of the minutes.

**Motion by Mr. George Sioras to approve January minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Bruce Thomas. Minutes were approved unanimously with Mr. Andrew Hadik abstaining.**

#### **3.1 Consideration of SNHPC FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Nate Miller noted that the Draft TIP public comment period runs from January 22-February 22, 2021. No public comments have been received to date, but NHDOT has updated its fiscal constraint analysis which is an appendix to the TIP. The SNHPC MPO will hold its public hearing on February 23, 2021.

In response to a question from Mr. Snow, Mr. Miller said that work on the NH 107 project in Deerfield is still scheduled for full construction next year.

Mr. Tim White noted that there are no applicable Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) in New Hampshire's State Implementation Plan (SIP). Mr. White advised that the reference to the NH Vehicle Inspection Program on pp. 21 should be removed.

**Motion by Mr. George Sioras to recommend MPO adoption of the TIP with the inclusion of NHDOT's updated fiscal constraint analysis and the removal of reference to the NH Vehicle Inspection Program as a Transportation Control Measure. Motion seconded by Mr. Snow. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **3.2 Consideration of 2021 Safety Performance Targets**

Messrs. Carl Eppich and Zach Swick delivered a presentation on the five federally-required safety performance measures (# and rate of fatalities, # and rate of serious injuries, # of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries). Mr. Eppich and Mr. Swick reviewed SNHPC-region and statewide data, and recommended SNHPC again support the state-level targets in 2021.

Mr. Hadik asked how statistics would change if vehicular fatalities were split out from those of motorcycles. Mr. Swick said that he would look into this further. Mr. Snow said that ideally the fatality rate should come down faster, especially crashes that involve excessive speed. Mr. Eppich responded that this is a behavioral issue being worked on at both the federal and state levels. Many behavioral aspects of highway safety are beyond our control as an MPO. Mr. Miller added that targets are intended to be realistic rather than aspirational. Controllable infrastructure improvements are only one piece of a bigger picture that includes many behavioral factors such as seatbelt usage, where NH ranks close to the bottom nationally.

Mr. Mark Suennen added that according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), NH fatalities decreased from 2018 to 2019, but the percentage of those that were motorcyclists increased fairly significantly.

Mr. Leigh Levine said that national speed limits and freight issues are larger policy issues. These and other items will be on the table when reauthorization is discussed in Washington. He encouraged those present to provide input into that discussion as well.

Ms. Becky Hebert said that perhaps a statement can be made regarding reluctance to increase the fatality target. Mr. Miller said that we can share that concern with our partners at NHDOT.

Mr. Miller suggested TAC members look at the NH Strategic Highway Safety Plan for more details on both the behavioral and infrastructure factors that affect highway safety in New Hampshire:

[https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/documents/nhdot\\_strategic\\_highway\\_safety\\_plan\\_2017\\_2021.pdf](https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/documents/nhdot_strategic_highway_safety_plan_2017_2021.pdf)

**Motion by Mr. Hadik to recommend support of the statewide safety performance targets to the MPO at its February 23, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Sioras. Motion approved unanimously.**



### 3.3 Update on FY 2023-2032 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Miller picked up where he left off in October, noting that NHDOT has been reviewing candidate projects since December 2020. Final regional priorities are due to NHDOT by March 31, 2021. The TAC need not make any final recommendations until next month.

Mr. Miller reviewed the engineering review findings, cost estimate, and NHDOT comments for each candidate project in detail. Following the presentation, Mr. Miller summarized the initial regional Ten-Year Plan recommendations as follows:

#### Higher Priority



**Manchester** – I-293/Second Street Engineering Study

Pursue Corridor  
Study Program  
Funding

**Bedford** – Supplemental Funding for U.S. Route 3 Widening from  
Hawthorne Dr. to Raymond Wieczorek Dr.

Focus Regional  
Allocation to Add  
Supplemental  
Funding to  
Existing TYP  
Projects

**Londonderry** – Supplemental Funding for NH Route 28/128  
Intersection Improvements

**Derry** – Rail Trail Expansion from Madden Road to Londonderry T/L

Pursue TAP  
Funding

**Manchester** – I-93 Exit 8 Interchange Improvements

Pursue CMAQ  
Funding

**Manchester** – Hooksett Rd./Campbell St. and Campbell St./Hamel  
Dr. Intersection Improvements

Pursue CMAQ  
Funding

**Deerfield** - NH Route 107/Candia Rd./Church St. Roundabout

Evaluate Historic  
Impacts and  
Reconsider in  
Next TYP Update

#### Lower Priority

Mr. Miller explained that some elements of the proposed projects (e.g. adaptive signal control at I-93 Exit 8, Hooksett Road/Campbell Street intersection improvements) could potentially be funded through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

In response to a comment from Mr. Snow, Mr. Miller said that I-93 GARVEE bond debt service continues to come off the top of NH's federal allocation each year.

Next steps are to continue coordinating with NHDOT to figure out the optimal way of adding supplemental funding to the Bedford and Londonderry projects, and to bring a more refined proposal to the March TAC meeting on how SNHPC can deploy its \$8.5 million allocation toward those projects. At that meeting the TAC will be asked for its endorsement of that allocation for consideration by the SNHPC MPO.

### 4.1 Update on NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Solicitation

Mr. Miller gave a brief update, noting that the Letter of Intent (LOI) period closed on February 5, 2021. SNHPC received 7 LOIs from six communities (2 from Manchester, 1 each from Bedford, Derry, Goffstown, New Boston, and Windham). Applications are due to NHDOT by March 19, 2021. Some of the seven LOIs may not become full applications.

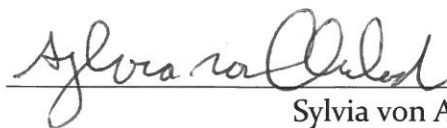
At the March TAC meeting there will be a brief overview of each project. A subcommittee will be appointed to evaluate and prioritize applications between the March and April TAC meetings.

5. **Adjournment**

**Motion by Mr. Snow to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sioras. The meeting stood adjourned at 11:08 am.**

Next meeting: March 18, 2021

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 18, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sylvia von Aulock", is written over a horizontal line.

Sylvia von Aulock  
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: March 18, 2021