



Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

April 15, 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
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Jillian Harris – Bedford
Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC
Fred Roberge – Easterseals NH
George Sioras – Derry
Dick Snow – Candia
Mark Suennen – New Boston
Bruce Thomas – Hooksett
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Tim White – NHDES

OTHERS PRESENT

Leigh Levine – FHWA
Dean Williams – CNHRPC

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Monique Duchesne, Assistant Planner
Carl Eppich, Pr. 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

Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Dusenberry – NHDOT
Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning
Bill Herman – Auburn
Linda Kunhardt – Francestown
Laurie Makarawicz – CART
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Mike Whitten – MTA

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Colleen Mailloux called the meeting of the SNHPC TAC to order at 9:32 AM.

2. Action on Minutes of March 18, 2021

Motion by Mr. Dick Snow to approve March minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Andrew Hadik. Minutes were approved unanimously with Mr. Tom Clow abstaining.

3.1 TAC Work Session on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Mr. James Vayo summarized the work done by SNHPC TAP Evaluation Subcommittee to analyze the region's five TAP applications. After review, the proposed project rankings were presented as follows:

1. Derry	8.11
2. Manchester	6.95
3. New Boston	6.92
4. Windham	6.83
5. Bedford	5.70

Ms. Jillian Harris expressed concern that the Bedford project was underrated, especially in the Potential for Success and Connectivity criteria. Messrs. Vayo and Miller noted that the Subcommittee had expressed concern that the estimated \$10,000 for PE phase work and \$440,000 for construction may be too low to complete the project according to the Local Public Agency (LPA) procedures required of federally-funded projects. Mr. Bruce Thomas added that some drainage work may also need to be included in the project.

Ms. Kristen Clarke said she thought Manchester's Financial Readiness and Safety scores should have been higher.

Mr. Mark Suennen said he was surprised by how high New Boston's score was for Financial Readiness, as the \$30,000 in match funding has only been pledged by donors, which is not the same as having the funds in hand.

Ms. Sylvia von Aulock said that the timing allotted to complete the regional evaluation was short due to the NHDOT's time constraints for this TAP round. Mr. Snow added that having applicants make presentations to the TAC could be beneficial in the next TAP cycle.

Motion by Mr. Snow to recommend TAP project priorities to the SNHPC MPO at its April 27, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Andrew Hadik and carried with Ms. Harris and Mr. Suennen voting nay and with Ms. Clarke abstaining.

3.2 Update on CommuteSmart NH Program

Mr. Cam Prolman gave a brief presentation on the CommuteSmart Program, detailing how individuals can sign up an upcoming challenge program. He also gave a preview of SNHPC's upcoming Rail Trail Passport, which involves cycling or walking the region's rail trails and getting stamps at businesses in the towns of Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, Manchester, New Boston, and Windham.

4. Other Business

Ms. von Aulock asked TAC members if there were any topics they would like to see covered in upcoming meetings.

- Mr. Hadik mentioned an upcoming Development of Regional Impact that will span the towns of Sandown and Chester. He said he is also curious about the expansion of 5G infrastructure in NH. Ms. von Aulock noted that Erich Zimmermann from the National Association of Regional Councils will be addressing the MPO at its May meeting.
- Mr. Vayo noted that the Manchester Airport is growing significantly and suggested a freight discussion. Messrs. Carl Eppich and Zach Swick of SNHPC mentioned the freight analysis element to the Congestion Management Process, and said that a presentation in June or July could be feasible.
- Mr. Miller said that Patrick Herlihy of the NHDOT Bureau of Aeronautics, Rail, and Transit will be speaking at the April 27, 2021 MPO meeting. He will provide a status update on the Capitol Corridor rail project, and touch upon Pam Am Railroad's proposed sale to CSX as well as Amtrak's recent intercity rail proposal.
- Mr. Vayo added that SNHPC staff have been developing a dashboard of metrics to track public participation. Included in this work is the expansion of public notices to social media, and the posting of TAC and MPO meeting videos to YouTube, complete with time-stamped sections for each presentation.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. George Sioras to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Suennen. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:41 am.

Next meeting: May 20, 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 April 15, 2021.

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

Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: May 20, 2021