

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

May 20, 2021

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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Clarke – Manchester DPW
Linda Dusenberry – NHDOT
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Jillian Harris – Bedford
Linda Kunhardt – Francestown
Laurie Makarawicz – CART
Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC
David Pierce – Goffstown
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

Norman Babineau – Windham
Mark Connors – Derry
Leigh Levine – FHWA
Phil Rose – Goffstown
Jason Soukup – Manchester
Craig Tufts – CNHRPC
Dean Williams – CNHRPC

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

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

Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning
Colleen Mailloux (Chair) – Londonderry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Clow – Weare
Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Bill Herman – Auburn
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Mike Whitten – MTA

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1. Call to Order/Introductions

In the absence of Chair Colleen Mailloux, Mr. George Sioras called the meeting of the SNHPC TAC to order at 9:31 AM.

2. Action on Minutes of April 15, 2021

Motion by Ms. Linda Kunhardt to approve April minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Andrew Hadik. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3.1 Overview of FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #1

Mr. Carl Eppich reviewed TIP Amendment #1, noting that a 10-day public comment period will begin on June 7, 2021 and a public hearing to consider adoption will be held at the June 22, 2021 SNHPC MPO meeting.

In response to a question from Ms. Kunhardt, Mr. Miller replied that this will be the first amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP, which was adopted on February 23, 2021.

In response to a question from Mr. Dick Snow, Mr. Eppich replied that FTA Section 5339 transit funding is increasing significantly in TIP Amendment #1, notwithstanding a slight decrease anticipated in FY 2024.

In response to a question from Mr. Mark Suennen, Mr. Miller replied that the fiscal years listed in the TIP refer to federal fiscal years.

3.2 Consideration of Regional Public Transit Safety Targets

Mr. Miller gave a brief presentation on the federally required public transportation targets, noting that since MTA is the sole transit provider in the MPO region, it is recommended that SNHPC adopt MTA's targets as presented in their Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP):

Mode of Bus Service	Fatalities (Total)	Fatalities (Rate)	Injuries (Total)	Injuries (Rate)	Safety Events (Total)	Safety Events (Rate)	System Reliability (Miles)
Fixed Route	0	0	2	1.6	17	13.85	30,460
Demand Response	0	0	1	2.75	7	19.55	13,764

In response to a question from Mr. Tim White, Ms. Laurie Makarawicz said that MTA's demand-response data does include StepSaver service in addition to CART and the Shopper Shuttles.

Motion by Mr. Snow to recommend adoption of the Regional Public Transit Safety Targets to the SNHPC MPO, seconded by Mr. Fred Roberge and carried unanimously.

3.3 Overview of Regional Trails Plan Update

Messrs. Adam Hlasny and Cam Prolman reviewed the 2021 update to the 2012 Regional Trails Plan, noting that the draft plan will be made public later in the month of May. It will be distributed directly to trail groups, as well as posted on the SNHPC website.

Several in attendance thanked SNHPC and CNHRPC for their efforts in this plan update. Messrs. Norman Babineau and David Pierce said the trail counts have been particularly valuable for Windham and Goffstown, respectively. Mr. Pierce added that this plan update has kept the idea of a New Boston-Goffstown trail connection alive.

Mr. Jason Soukup inquired about comparing counts in Manchester to those of other similar cities around the country. Mr. Craig Tufts replied that this may be difficult to do, but that he and Mr. Hlasny would do more research and consult on this possibility.

4. Other Business

Mr. James Vayo noted that SNHPC will be attempting to increase public participation in the regional transportation planning process. Part of this effort will include recording meetings, and posting

meeting announcements on Eventbrite, Facebook, and Twitter to increase engagement opportunities for members of the public. This will start for the June 2021 TAC and MPO meetings.

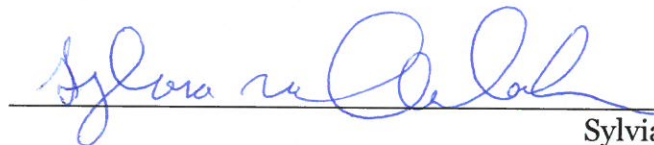
There was a brief discussion of Senate Bill 95, which would allow public meetings to continue to be held on Zoom. Messrs. Snow and Hadik said that the electronic meeting format has been very useful. Ms. von Aulock said that the SNHPC conference room is available for those who would like to attend meetings in person.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Kunhardt to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Suennen. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:35 am.

Next meeting: June 17, 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 May 20, 2021.



Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: July 15, 2021