

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

February 17, 2022

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*
Linda Kunhardt – Franconia
Nancy Michels – Derry/Londonderry CoC
George Sioras – Derry
Mark Suennen – New Boston*
Bruce Thomas – Hooksett
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Linda Wescott – NHDOT*
Tim White – NHDES*
Tracey Whitehead – CART

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Baronas – CNHRPC*
Ricky DiCillo – NHDES*
Jillian Harris – Bedford*
Leigh Levine – FHWA*
Jessica Wilcox – 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
Tammy Zamoyski, Regional Planner*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Bill Herman – Auburn
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Cole Riel – Greater Manchester CoC*
Steve Rollins – Deerfield
Mike Whitten – Manchester Transit

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Fred Roberge – Easterseals NH

*Attended meeting virtually via Zoom

1. Call to Order/Introduction

Chair Colleen Mailloux called the meeting of the SNHPC TAC to order at 9:34 AM.

2. Action on Minutes of January 20, 2022

Motion by Mr. George Sioras to approve December minutes, seconded by Mr. Bruce Thomas and carried unanimously with Ms. Hebert, Kunhardt, Messrs. Clow, Hadik, Suennen abstaining.

3.1 Consideration of 2022 Safety Performance Targets

Mr. Carl Eppich summarized the 2022 Safety Performance Targets. Mr. Nate Miller said, while in the past the SNHPC MPO has adopted state targets, Given the region's outperformance of the state target in the fatalities per 100 million VMT criterion, SNHPC staff had proposed the MPO adopt a lower (0.7 vs. 0.874) target. At the January 2022 MPO meeting there was discussion of considering a target lower than the state's but less aggressive than 0.7.

Motion by Ms. Linda Kunhardt to recommend adoption of state targets – except for adopting 0.75 as a regional fatality rate target – to the SNHPC MPO at its February 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mark Suennen and approved unanimously.

3.2 Overview of SNHPC Pathways to Play Project

The SNHPC was recently awarded a two-year (Jan. 2022- Dec. 2023) grant from the New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation aimed at preventing obesity in children up to age five in the SNHPC region. Inspired by a successful project led by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, the SNHPC is implementing a “Pathways to Play” project to work with local and regional stakeholders to examine access to recreation throughout the region.

Regional Planners Tammy Zamoyski and Cam Prolman gave an overview of this upcoming initiative.

3.3 Overview of Regional EV Charging Plan Initiative

As part of its two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the SNHPC developed and received approval for a Special Project for locating Electric Vehicle (EV) “DC Fast Charging” stations (also known as Level 3 chargers) along or near key corridors throughout the SNHPC region. Mr. Carl Eppich summarized this upcoming project and asked for interested stakeholders throughout the region, noting that it will likely wrap up by August or September 2022. A robust discussion followed, which included the following questions/comments:

- In response to a question from Mr. Suennen, Mr. Eppich noted that the Hooksett Welcome Centers currently only have proprietary charging stations for Tesla vehicles.
- Mr. Tim White added that Welcome Centers would be excellent locations for non-proprietary DC fast chargers in the future, as there are currently only 10 in New Hampshire. New Hampshire will need improved charging infrastructure to attract EV drivers from other New England states and beyond.
- In response to a question from Mr. Eppich, Mr. White said that it would be beneficial to share this work with other NH RPCs/MPOs.
- In response to a question from Mr. Sioras about the extent of the EV charging corridor on NH 111, Mr. Eppich replied that the actual corridors/roads are not set in stone, but rather will be finalized by the working group upon assembly.
- Mr. Andrew Hadik expressed interest in participating in the project and asked whether Park and Rides would be appropriate locations for charging infrastructure. Mr. Eppich said that while there is potential, 24/7 safety and security are concerns, as charging equipment is extremely expensive and must always have eyes on it.
- Ms. Jessica Wilcox added that Park and Rides are better suited to level 2 charging. These stations take longer but are less expensive, and vehicles are usually sitting at these locations for hours anyway.
- In response to a question from Ms. Kunhardt re: deployment of chargers at gas stations, Mr. Eppich said that eligibility of federal/state funds for installation on private property is yet to be determined.
- Ms. Becky Hebert noted that in Bedford there is interest in installing an EV charger at a local gas station, but logistics are still being discussed within the town.
- Mr. Jonathan Golden added that Manchester had a permit application for a large charging facility (7-8 chargers) at the Mall of NH, and another farther north on South Willow Street.
- Mr. Hadik suggested that malls – specifically the outlet mall in Tilton – could be prime locations for charging stations, as it could potentially increase their draw.

- Ms. Sylvia von Aulock added that Mr. Eppich would be involving Chambers of Commerce and the private sector in the EV charging workgroup.

4. Other Business

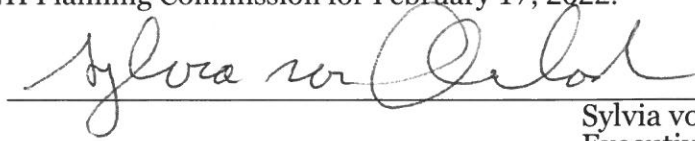
There was no other business.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Thomas to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hadik and approved unanimously. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:35 am.

Next meeting: March 17, 2022

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 17, 2022.



Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: June 16, 2022

