



DRAFT Notes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

September 15, 2022

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Thomas, Chair – Hooksett

Owen Friend-Gray – Manchester DPW

Linda Kunhardt – Franconia

Nancy Michels – Derry/Londonderry CoC

George Sioras – Derry

Mark Suennen – New Boston

Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC

Linda Wescott – NHDOT

Tracey Whitehead – CART

Mike Whitten – MTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Leigh Levine – FHWA NH

Ray Breslin – Londonderry resident

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Nate Miller, Deputy Executive Director

Carl Eppich, Principal Transportation Planner

Adam Hlasny, Sr Transportation Planner

Kevin Lawson, Assistant Planner

Cameron Prolman, Regional Planner

Zach Swick, Senior GIS Analyst

Tammy Zamoyski, Regional Planner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Clow – Weare

Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown

Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning

Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport

Steve Rollins – Deerfield

Kellie Walsh – Londonderry

Tim White – NHDES

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Andrew Hadik – Chester

Jillian Harris – Bedford

Cole Riel – Greater Manchester CoC

Fred Roberge – Easterseals

BOLD indicates in-person attendance

1. Call to Order/Introductions

There was not an in-person quorum. A gathering of members present began at 9:33 AM.

2. Action on meeting notes of June 16, July 21, August 18, 2022

This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

3.1 Mobility Management Update

SNHPC/Region 8 RCC Mobility Manager Benjamin Herbert gave an overview of his position. Mobility management is a transportation strategy that prioritizes customer needs through the coordinated use of a variety of community transportation options, primarily focusing on historically disadvantaged populations.

Ms. Linda Kunhardt asked why Francestown was not part of Region 8, and whether it is the only SNHPC community to be excluded.

Mr. Nate Miller noted that the RCC boundaries were drawn back in 2006, before Francestown was part of the SNHPC region. Mr. Herbert said that Terry Johnson of Southwest Regional Planning Commission is the Mobility Manager for Francestown's region (5).

In response to Ms. Kunhardt's concerns, Mr. Miller said that part of the impetus behind these efforts is to streamline transportation coordination and realize efficiencies. A significant focus area has been on providing transportation for folks who don't drive or have other options.

3.2 SNHPC Equity Analysis Report

Mr. Zach Swick reviewed the impacts of the MPO's transportation projects and programs on underserved populations in the region. Transportation equity means fairness in mobility and accessibility that meets the needs of all community members.

Under federal law, MPOs have a legal obligation to evaluate whether their projects and programs have a disproportionately negative effect on racial and ethnic minorities, low-income residents, and individuals with limited English proficiency. Additionally, consideration was given to the impacts of regional transportation projects and programs on people aged 65 years or older, those living with a disability, and households without access to a vehicle.

The SNHPC Equity Analysis Report's outline follows recommendations from the U.S. Transportation Research Board. The first section identifies the area of analysis based on the underserved groups above. The next section identifies needs and concerns for that area by reviewing the results of a survey and evaluating example transportation system differences between the area of the analysis and the larger region.

3.3 Announcements

Mr. Carl Eppich noted that applications for Road Safety Audits are due to SNHPC by November 15, 2022.

SNHPC just submitted a \$250,000 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant request with its fellow NH MPOs. This funding would be used to create a safety plan which could later unlock new pots of federal funding.

A Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant solicitation will be announced in the near future; Mr. Miller reminded TAC members that eligible projects include those that will improve traffic flow/mitigate congestion, and can include alternative fuel, transit improvements, non-recreational bike-ped projects, and other activities that improve air quality.

SNHPC Assistant Planner Kevin Lawson mentioned the availability of SNHPC staff to perform SADES (Statewide Asset Data Exchange System) pedestrian data collection in any interested community.

4. Other Business

Mr. Leigh Levine announced that the New Hampshire Electric Vehicle Deployment Plan – a NHDOT-led effort – was recently approved by Federal Highway Administration.

5. Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 10:52 am.

Next meeting: October 20, 2022

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the notes of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Southern NH Planning Commission for September 15, 2022.

Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: