

Consolidated Manchester/ Derry-Salem [R8] Regional Coordination Council

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Hybrid: SNHPC/Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES (* indicates attendance via Zoom, **BOLD** indicates RCC member):

Fred Roberge, Chair - Easterseals NH

Tim Diaz - RNMOV*

Peter Flynn - Town of Hooksett

Benjamin Herbert - R8 Mobility Manager

Lisa Ludwigsen - Easterseals NH

George Sioras - Derry

Tracey Whitehead - CART

Mike Whitten - MTA

James Wilkie - CareGivers NH

Kelly Wood - Easterseals NH

Scott Bogle - RPC

Nate Miller - SNHPC

Sylvia von Aulock - SNHPC

Adam Hlasny - SNHPC

1. Call to Order

Chair Fred Roberge called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

2. Action on Minutes of December 5, 2022

Motion by George to approve December minutes, seconded by Mike and approved unanimously with Tim and Peter abstaining.

3. Designation of Lead Agency for FY 2024-2025 Section 5310 RCC Grant Activities

Nate said that the 5310 lead agency is determined at the discretion of the RCC, and made an open call for any agencies interested in becoming lead agency.

Fred said that SNHPC has been a great partner for a very long time, and that it is probably the best central place in the region to maintain an objective view of resources and how they're used.

Motion by Fred to designate SNHPC as lead agency, seconded by George and approved unanimously.

4. 2024-2025 FTA 5310 Work Session

Nate gave a summary of the FY22-23 projects, as well as service hours provided and overall budgets. Mike asked if unspent funds (i.e. since the Mobility Manager was hired late in the two-year period) carry over to the new contract period. Nate said that that will ultimately be decided by NHDOT.

NHDOT has not yet announced base 5310 allocations for this round; ordinarily the solicitation would have arrived by early January in advance of a March 1 deadline. While still uncertain, it is anticipated that there will be a funding increase of approximately 15%

Fred noted that NHDOT are looking for different ways to maintain funding for regional mobility managers.

Without knowing official allocations, RCC members discussed general service needs. Mike recommended keeping Hooksett and Goffstown Shuttle budgets steady. He said that the towns collaborated to purchase a shared vehicle, and that the services are the best performing ones operated by MTA. Both run at approximately 85-95% capacity.

The New Boston Shuttle is operated on a per-trip basis and capped at 15 trips per month. Mike said he would ask the town if it's worth programming some local match in case a new rider/riders appear. Sylvia said she would work with Tracey and Mike Sindoni of New Boston to glean further information.

There was some discussion re: Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels' service. Tim's concern was that clients get the service they need. Mike expressed willingness to discuss in more detail outside the meeting. Nate suggested having this discussion as soon as possible so it can be revisited at the next RCC meeting.

The Easterseals demand-response service was discussed briefly. It was calculated that, with higher hourly rates, \$10,722 in additional federal funds would be needed to continue providing current service levels. Nate added that this service is currently performing very well is a good investment in the region's transportation network.

5. Updates

Mobility Management and SCC updates were tabled due to lack of time.

6. Next Meeting

The next RCC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 1:00 PM**. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to continue the 5310 work session. FY2024-25 subrecipient hourly rates will also be reviewed and approved at this time.

There will be a subsequent public hearing in February to finalize the program of projects.

Motion by Peter to adjourn, seconded by George. Meeting stood adjourned at 2:33 PM.