



Minutes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
January 19, 2023
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Thomas, Chair – Hooksett
Kellie Caron – Londonderry
Jason Cleghorn – Manchester Planning
Caleb Dobbins – Manchester DPW
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Jillian Harris – Bedford
Linda Kunhardt – Franconia
Nancy Michels – Derry/Londonderry CoC
Cole Riel – Greater Manchester CoC
Fred Roberge – Easterseals
George Sioras – Derry
Mark Suennen – New Boston
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Tracey Whitehead – MTA/CART

OTHERS PRESENT

Leigh Levine – FHWA NH
Craig Tufts – CNHRPC

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Nate Miller, Deputy Executive Director
Carl Eppich, Pr. Transportation Planner
Adam Hlasny, Sr. Transportation Planner
Suzanne Nienaber, Senior Planner
Cam Prolman, Regional Planner
Zach Swick, Senior GIS Analyst
Tammy Zamoyski, Regional Planner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Clow – Weare
Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
William Rose – NHDOT
Steve Rollins – Deerfield

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ricky DiCillo – NHDES

BOLD indicates in-person attendance

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Bruce Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

2. Review of meeting notes of November 17, 2022

Motion by Ms. Linda Kunhardt to approve meeting notes, seconded by Mr. Fred Roberge and carried unanimously.

3.1 Overview of FY 2023-2026 TIP

Mr. Nate Miller gave a detailed presentation on the draft FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, reviewing all anticipated project changes in the SNHPC region. The draft TIP was released on January 19, 2023 for a 30-day public comment period. A public hearing will be held at the February 21, 2023, SNHPC MPO meeting.

In response to questions from Ms. Kunhardt and Mr. Jason Cleghorn, Mr. Miller said that Boston Express receives FTA Section 5307 operating support for their services on the Everett Turnpike and I-93. These figures are detailed in Appendix D of the Draft TIP.

3.2 Discussion of CMAQ Prioritization Process

Mr. Miller reviewed available information on the current NHDOT Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) solicitation. Letters of Intent (LOI) were due on November 4, 2022; eight LOIs were received from the SNHPC Region. While project scopes can change between the LOI and the application, the LOI was a requirement to submit a full application.

Letters of Intent Received by NHDOT for Projects in the SNHPC Region		
Sponsor	Description	Cost (Federal)
Town of Bedford	Construct 3,800 LF of new sidewalk along Old Bedford Road from the Old Bedford Road/NH Route 101 intersection to Memorial Elementary School	\$628,000
Town of Derry	Construct Electric Charging System (EVCS) and an initial fleet of Electric Charging System (EVCS) to support police, fire, public works, and administration	\$1,603,200
Merchants Fleet	Construct alternative fuel DCFC and Level 2 workplace charging for Merchants Fleet Headquarters (Hooksett)	\$800,000
Merchants Fleet	Construct alternative fuel public DCFC charging facilities (Hooksett)	\$400,000
Nouria Energy	Construct a new C/Store Gas Station with a fast food restaurant, indoor and outdoor dining area with a total of 25 parking spaces at the intersection of NH 28 and Symmes Dr on I-93 Exit 5 in the Town of Londonderry across from North Londonderry Park & Ride	\$400,000
Town of Londonderry	Construct Phase 7 of the Londonderry Rail Trail to provide a safe access for pedestrians and complete the connection through Londonderry from Manchester	\$512,800
City of Manchester	Improve traffic congestion on a 1.25-mile section of Mammoth Road between the Hanover Street and Cilley Road/Huse Road intersections with intersection improvements, signal optimization and a sidewalk	\$1,200,000
Town of Windham	Construct an approximately 2.27-mile segment of rail trail in Windham	\$1,214,720

There is a hard deadline of March 24, 2023 to submit regional CMAQ priorities to NHDOT. During the February TAC meeting, applicants will have a chance to make presentations on their potential projects. An ad hoc TAC subcommittee composed of disinterested parties will meet during the week of March 6, 2023 to develop an initial prioritization recommendation for the full TAC's consideration.

Ms. Linda Kunhardt, Mr. Mark Suennen, and Ms. Tracey Whitehead volunteered to participate on the evaluation subcommittee.

3.3 Regional Climate Action Plan Development

Ms. Suzanne Nienaber gave a high-level overview of the Regional Climate Action Plan, a follow up to the 2020 Regional Vulnerability Assessment. SNHPC staff are currently working to develop a draft climate action plan addressing roadway adaptations. It is anticipated that regional, multi-sector collaboration on this plan can help lay the foundation for ongoing climate leadership and action in the region.

Mr. Caleb Dobbins asked about prioritization of the importance of roadways. Ms. Nienaber responded that case studies will capture examples from rural, suburban, and urban environments.

An inaugural climate action workshop will be held in April 2023 (exact date TBD) at the Derry Municipal Center. SNHPC is in the process of recruiting a panel of experts; there will also be interactive opportunities for participants to weigh in on the draft action plan and collaborate across sectors.

In response to a call for “Climate Champions”, Ms. Jillian Harris volunteered.

3.4 Overview of Proposed Performance Targets

Messrs. Carl Eppich and Zachary Swick gave a presentation on performance targets in the categories of Safety (PM1) and Pavement/Bridge Condition (PM2). A third category of System/Freight (PM3) was tabled due to lack of time.

For PM1, SNHPC staff recommends supporting state targets in four of the five categories and setting a region-specific target for fatality rate (as SNHPC did in 2022). For PM2, SNHPC staff recommends supporting state targets in all categories.

These targets are detailed in the draft FY 2023-2026 TIP. When the TIP is adopted, the targets will be adopted with them.

4. Other Business

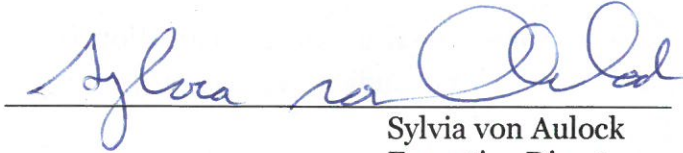
Ms. Sylvia von Aulock announced that Mr. Roberge will be retiring at the end of the month after 40+ years of service with Easterseals NH. Additionally, Mr. Eppich will be leaving SNHPC after nearly 4 years for a position in his home state of Maine. After brief speeches, both were given rounds of applause.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Roberge, seconded by Mr. Suennen and carried unanimously. Meeting stood adjourned at 11:10 am.

Next meeting: February 16, 2023

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 January 19, 2023.



Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: February 16, 2023