



Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

February 21, 2023
11:30 A.M.

Meeting held in-person at the SNHPC office (438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, NH). Virtual participation in the MPO meeting was also accommodated via Zoom due to COVID-19.

MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Auburn	Paula Marzloff
Bedford	Charlie Fairman
Bedford	Bill Jean
Derry	John O'Connor
Derry	Richard Tripp
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Francestown	Gary Schnakenberg
Goffstown	David Pierce
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	Raymond Clement
Manchester	Donald Waldron
New Boston	Mark Suennen
Windham	Peter Griffin
Windham	Edgar Lapointe
William Rose	NHDOT

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Chester	Deborah Munson
Derry	Jeff Moulton
Francestown (Alt)	Alfred Eisenberg
Goffstown	Jacob LaFontaine
Hooksett	Denise Pichette Volk
Londonderry	Brian Battaglia
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
Londonderry	Jeffrey Penta, Alt.
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg
Londonderry	Lynn Wiles, Alt.
Manchester	Marcus Ponce de Leon
William Watson	NHDOT
NHDES	Ricky DiCillo

GUESTS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Craig Tufts	Central NH RPC
Wendy Johnson	NHDOT
Dave Topham	Salem

GUESTS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Steve Pearson	Derry
Mark Samsel	Windham

VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Auburn	
Weare	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn (Alt)	Jeffrey Porter
Bedford	Danielle Evansic
Bedford (Alt)	Daniel Heath
Candia	Rudy Cartier
Candia	Albert Hall
Deerfield	Frederick McGarry
Goffstown (Alt)	Jo Ann Duffy
Manchester	Daniel O'Neil
New Boston	David Litwinovich
Weare	Naomi Bolton
Windham	John Hiltz
NHDOT FHWA	Leigh Levine
Manchester-Boston Regional Airport	Theodore Kitchens
MTA	Mike Whitten

STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Nathan Miller	Deputy Executive Director
Linda Moore-O'Brien	Office Administrator
Zachary Swick	Sr. GIS Analyst

STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Benjamin Herbert	Mobility Manager
Tammy Zamoyski	Regional Planner
Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Suzanne Nienaber	Senior Planner
Cameron Prolman	Regional Planner

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bedford (Alt)	Bryan Lord
Chester	Andrew Hadik
Deerfield	Robert Cote
Francestown (Alt)	Jennifer Vadney
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Londonderry	Suzanne Brunelle

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Griffin called the MPO meeting to order at 11:35 AM. A quorum was present in-person.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2023

Motion by Mr. Jean to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schnakenberg. Motion carried, with Ms. Pischette Volk, Lievens, Kunhardt and Messrs. Tripp, Eisenberg, and Watson abstaining. Vote was taken by roll call.

Guests were introduced: Representative Steve Pearson, Derry; Mark Samsel, Windham Rail Trail; Dave Topham, Salem/NH Rail Trail Council.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Exit 4A Project Update

NHDOT Project Manager Wendy Johnson provided an update for this project on I-93. She explained the location is between exits 4 and 5, and the objectives are to reduce congestion, provide a new interchange, a new trail crossing, and improve the Folsom and Tsienetto roadways, as well as to promote economic vitality in Derry and Londonderry.

There will be a new interchange known as Exit 4A, three new bridges (NHDOT will be responsible for one, Derry will be responsible for two). The project will include stormwater treatment to meet MS4 requirements.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the project breakouts, design and right of way schedules. The construction of the project will be phased, consisting of segments A, B, C, D and E.

- A: Construction of Interchange and portion of Old Rum Trail (Connector Road)- Contract awarded to Weaver Brothers Construction. Ramps, noise walls/barriers, water treatment, connector roads. Expected completion Fall 2024.
- B: Completion of Old Rum Trail to Derry including new bridge over Shields Brook, road reconstruction, proposed stormwater treatment facilities, road upgrades, and rail trail crossing.
- C: Rehabilitation of Tsienetto Rd., new tributary E bridge, and signalization at NH Route 102.
- D: Building demolitions on NHDOT-owned parcels has been completed by Spears Brothers.
- E: Building demolitions on Folsom Road is scheduled to advertise in June 2023.

Mr. Waldron inquired about the Rail Trail crossing in Derry- what is the difference between the original and new commitments? Ms. Johnson noted that this topic is currently in the state legislature. Ms. Johnson reviewed the history of the project and noted that combining the rail trail crossing with the Shields Brook crossing was one of the concepts proposed through the Design-Build process.

Ms. Johnson noted that combining the rail trail crossing with the Shields Brook crossing would save construction costs as well as life cycle maintenance costs.

Mr. Moulton requested that Ms. Johnson provide an overview of the proposed rail trail crossing. Ms. Johnson showed the plan, noting that the grade change is ADA compliant. From public feedback, the curves have been softened and the trail has been moved closer to the road and further away from housing. Ms. Johnson noted that the plan addresses the elevation of the road profile.

Mr. Waldron asked if the current proposed legislation passes (HB506), what is NHDOT's position? Ms. Johnson said if they legislation passes, NHDOT would have to revisit the project, negotiate with the consultant, get a new scope and fee schedule, revise the plans, and get new approvals.

Ms. Johnson was thanked for her presentation.

FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Miller stated the draft TIP was released on 1/19/23. There was a 30-day public comment period through 2/20/23, and today is the public hearing to consider adoption.

Mr. Miller reviewed three comments received during the 30-day comment period.

1. Candia-Raymond Project #43839 should be separately listed to incorporate additional funding outside of the PAVE-T1-RESURF program as necessary to advance the project.
2. A funding adjustment should be applied to the PAVE-T1-RESURF program as necessary to accommodate the advancement of Candia-Raymond Project #43839.
3. Non-substantive technical corrections should be applied to six projects to conform with FHWA requirements.

Mr. Miller reported that staff supports NHDOT's suggested changes, and these revisions will be incorporated into the TIP upon MPO approval.

In response to a question from Mr. Capano about why a pavement overlay was no longer sufficient for the Candia-Raymond project, Mr. Miller said NHDOT recommended partial reconstruction after studying the condition of the road base of this segment.

Motion by Ms. Kunhardt to adopt the draft FY2023-2026 TIP with the comments incorporated.

Motion seconded by Mr. Tripp and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pierce stated his appreciation for the large amount of work that went into the TIP.

Regional Mobility Management Update

SNHPC Mobility Manager Benjamin Herbert explained that Mobility Management is a customer-based approach to facilitate transportation. A Mobility Manager is like a social worker for transportation, specializing in services for traditionally underserved populations.

He reviewed the mobility management regions, which are not identical to the RPC regions.

Mr. Herbert has created a brochure and issues a quarterly newsletter. In addition, help can be found on the "I Need a Ride" link on the SNHPC website.

He also introduced the regional Community Transportation Directory, which has been reformatted to be more user-friendly.

Last year Mr. Herbert conducted a transportation survey at the Londonderry Senior Expo.

Recently, he has helped 14 riders find transportation, giving specific examples, including an inquiry from the Manchester Health Department, where he was able to connect the client with Caregivers for transportation.

Mr. Herbert will continue to interface with municipal departments, medical centers, senior groups, immigrant organizations and more. Innovative efforts are being considered including bike technician programs, Town Hall style meetings, subsidized vehicle repairs, and volunteer driver program recruitment.

He concluded by saying he wants to help more riders- this will be increasingly important in our aging state!

Ms. Kunhardt said she loves the idea of having all town resources in one location.

In response to a question from Mr. Griffin, Mr. Herbert said he has tried to reach out to the Windham senior van program without success. Mr. Griffin volunteered to assist with the connection.

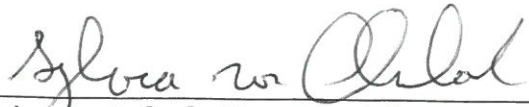
Mr. Herbert's email is on the staff report. Mr. Griffin encouraged those present to share information about Mobility Management with their communities.

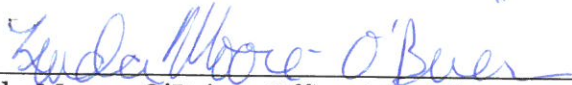
Other Business (none)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Capano to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jean. Chair Griffin declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.


Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director


Linda Moore-O'Brien, Office Administrator