



# Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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## Minutes of the SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 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	Richard Tripp
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Goffstown	David Pierce
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	Raymond Clement
Manchester	Daniel O'Neil
Manchester	Marcus Ponce de Leon
New Boston	Mark Suennen
Windham	Peter Griffin
Windham	Edgar Lapointe

### MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Bedford	Danielle Evansic
Candia	Rudy Cartier
Chester	Deborah Munson
Derry	Jeff Moulton
Derry	John O'Connor
Francestown	Gary Schnakenberg
Goffstown	Jacob LaFontaine
Hooksett	Denise Pichette Volk
Londonderry	Brian Battaglia
Londonderry	Suzanne Brunelle
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg
Manchester	Donald Waldron
New Boston	David Litwinovich
William Rose	NHDOT
NHDES	Jessica Wilcox

### GUESTS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Craig Tufts	Central NH RPC
Erich Zimmermann	NARC
George Sioras	Derry

### VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Auburn	
Weare	

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn (Alt)	Jeffrey Porter
Deerfield	Robert Cote
Deerfield	Frederick McGarry
Francestown (Alt)	Alfred Eisenberg
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Londonderry	Jeffrey Penta, Alt.
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
David Tilton	Regional Planner

### STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Tammy Zamoyski	Regional Planner
Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Suzanne Nienaber	Senior Planner
Cameron Prolman	Regional Planner
Zachary Swick	Sr. GIS Analyst

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bedford (Alt)	Daniel Heath
Bedford (Alt)	Bryan Lord
Chester	Andrew Hadik
Francestown (Alt)	Jennifer Vadney
Goffstown (Alt)	Jo Ann Duffy
Londonderry	Lynn Wiles, Alt.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Griffin called the MPO meeting to order at 11:32 AM. A quorum was present in-person.

## **ACTION ON MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Motion by Ms. Kunhardt to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023, seconded by Mr. Jean. Motion carried, with Ms. Brunelle and Messrs. Cartier, O'Neil and Litwinovich abstaining. Vote was taken by roll call.

## **OLD BUSINESS** (none)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Plan**

Mr. Miller explained this process started in June 2022. In November, SNHPC submitted an initial list of project priorities to NHDOT for review and comment. He noted that at the end of this month, the final list is due to NHDOT.

Since November, the assumed inflation rate has increased from 2.8% to 3.7%. Mr. Miller noted the following items from NHDOT's review of the projects.

- The Bedford project (Route 101 Corridor Study) will be considered engineering phase work.
- The Manchester project (Exit 8/Wellington Road Improvements) will include limited bicycle lanes. The bicycle lanes could be extended further as a subsequent phase of the project.
- The Deerfield project (Improvements at Intersection of NH 107/Candia Rd./Church St.) had a higher cost estimate from NHDOT than VHB. SNHPC will use the higher NHDOT cost estimate.
- The Londonderry project (Phase 7 of the Rail Trail) will be funded via CMAQ and will not count against the SNHPC's regional Ten-Year Plan allocation.

In response to a question from Mr. Capano, Mr. Miller said inflation adjustments assume that the year of expenditure is Year 10.

Mr. Miller noted that there were three other proposed projects in this round that could not be funded due to financial constraint:

- Bedford (NH Route 101 Multi-use Path) – This project should be informed by the preferred design alternative developed through the NH Route 101 Corridor Study.
- Windham (Greenway Trail Improvements) – This project could be a strong Transportation Alternatives Program application in the next round.
- Londonderry (NH Route 28 Capacity Expansion) – Further scoping is needed to refine the project concept.

Mr. Miller presented the proposed regional Ten-Year Plan allocation and reported that the TAC endorsed the proposed allocation at their 3/16/23 meeting. The proposed allocation fully funds

the Bedford and Deerfield projects, then allocates the remaining funds to the Manchester Exit 8 / Wellington Rd. project.

<b>SNHPC FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Plan Regional Priorities and Funding Allocation</b>				
<i>Community</i>	<i>Project Scope</i>	<i>Project Cost (Current Year)</i>	<i>Project Cost (Current Year with NHDOT Indirect Costs)</i>	<i>Amount to be Programmed in Ten-Year Plan</i>
Bedford	NH Route 101 Corridor Study Update/Alternatives Analysis ( <i>Wallace Road to Amherst Town Line</i> )	\$300,000	\$330,000	\$457,639
Manchester	Exit 8/Wellington Road Improvements ( <i>Capacity Improvements Incl. Limited Bicycle Lanes</i> )	\$4,124,000	\$4,536,400	\$7,071,401
Deerfield	Intersection Improvements ( <i>NH Route 107/Church St./Candia Rd.</i> )	\$1,948,700	\$2,143,570	\$3,029,120
Londonderry	Phase 7 of the Londonderry Rail Trail	<i>Funded via CMAQ Program</i>		
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$10,558,160</b>
<b>SNHPC FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Plan Regional Allocation</b>				<b>\$10,558,160</b>
<b>Difference</b>				<b>\$0</b>

**Motion by Mr. Capano to adopt the final regional project priorities and funding allocation for the FY 2023-2034 Ten-Year Plan.**

**Motion seconded by Mr. Tripp and carried unanimously.**

Responding to an inquiry from Mr. Fairman regarding toll credits, Mr. Miller said toll credits are accrued when state toll funding is spent on highway improvements that would have been otherwise eligible for federal funding. The toll credits are not cash but do offset non-federal match funding requirements. Ms. Kunhardt clarified these projects are essentially 100% federally funded because of the toll credit match.

Mr. Ponce de Leon confirmed that toll credits are accrued dollar for dollar. Mr. Pierce commented NH has a lot of toll credits, and Mr. Miller mentioned that through IIJA, states will be able to sell toll credits to other states for cash through a marketplace.

Mr. Tripp inquired about the Rail Trail in Londonderry. Mr. Miller said VHB thinks the existing abutments can be used for the bridge.

In response to a question from Mr. Griffin, Mr. Miller clarified that there are NH Route 101 safety improvement projects pending in Amherst and Milford.

### **2023 Regional Climate Workshop**

Senior Planner Suzanne Nienaber stated SNHPC is preparing a Climate Action Toolkit focused on roadway adaptations. This follows up on SNHPC's 2020 Regional Vulnerability Assessment which analyzed the region's most vulnerable stream crossings (culverts and small bridges).

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Fairman, Ms. Kunhardt and Mr. Pierce stated the 2020 Vulnerability Assessment was used in their communities to illustrate needed repairs and make them happen.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, SNHPC will host a Regional Climate Workshop at the Derry Municipal Center with an option to participate virtually. The event will bring together municipal officials and stakeholders to discuss key opportunities for adapting our roadways in the face of climate change. This interactive workshop will feature lively discussions with state and national experts, and as well as a preview of potential funding opportunities and new resources in development.

Ms. Nienaber stated that in the SNHPC region, heavy flooding and its impact on vulnerable infrastructure is the major concern from climate change.

In response to a question from Mr. Griffin, she confirmed that culverts of historic value can include prior remnants in new construction.

Ms. Nienaber thanked the stakeholder group, which includes participants from Bedford, Chester and Derry.

The goal is to create a resilience improvement plan for the future. A case study / corridor analysis for one municipality will be developed.

She encouraged all Commissioners to attend the workshop, invite colleagues, and expect a registration link via email.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Miller said NHDOT has completed a solicitation for \$30 Million in CMAQ funding.

Mr. Miller noted that 11 CMAQ applications were received in the SNHPC region, some EV related, some non-EV related. NHDOT intends to fund the non-EV related applications: Bedford, Londonderry, Manchester, and NHDOT Bureau of Traffic.

NHDOT will review the EV-related applications (Town of Derry, Merchants Auto Group, Nouria, and Revision Energy). NHDOT intends to move forward with those projects in the future, potentially through sources other than CMAQ funding.

SNHPC no longer needs to prioritize the CMAQ applications. SNHPC will still conduct air quality analyses in support of the applications. Mr. Miller expects all of the projects in the region to have positive air quality benefits.

In response to a question from Mr. Tripp, Mr. Miller explained air quality analyses are conducted using federal emissions reduction calculators.

Mr. Fairman asked about the timing. Mr. Miller said he expects the non-EV projects will be included in the pending Ten-Year Plan update. Projects would likely start in FY 2025 at the earliest.

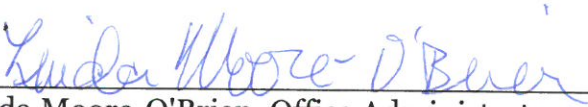
Responding to a question from Mr. Ponce de Leon, Mr. Miller said the timeline for EV projects will be dependent on NHDOT's review of those projects. Federal EV infrastructure rules were just released and NHDOT is reviewing the projects in the context of those newly released rules.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Mr. O'Neil to adjourn, seconded by Mr. LaPointe. Chair Griffin declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.***

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

  
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Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director

  
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Linda Moore-O'Brien, Office Administrator

