



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

August 17, 2023

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Thomas, Chair – Hooksett
Kristen Clarke – Manchester DPW
Jason Cleghorn – Manchester Planning
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Becky Hebert – Bedford
Linda Kunhardt – Francestown
Nate Miller – SNHPC
William Rose – NHDOT
George Sioras – Derry
Mark Suennen – New Boston
Mike Whitten – MTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Davie – Strafford RPC
Andrew Fabiszewski – HSH Consultants
Mark Gravalles – HSH Consultants
Leigh Levine – FHWA NH
Vanessa Partington – NHDES
Lucy St John – NHDOT
Craig Tufts – Central NH RPC
Jessica Wilcox – NHDES

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Adam Hlasny, Sr. Transportation Planner
Suzanne Nienaber, Senior Planner
Cam Prolman, Regional Planner
Anthony Summers, Field Technician
Zach Swick, Senior GIS Analyst
David Tilton, Regional Planner
Tammy Zamoyski, Regional Planner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Clow – Weare
Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Nancy Michels – Derry/Londonderry CoC
Steve Rollins – Deerfield

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Cole Riel – Gr. Manchester Chamber
Tracey Whitehead – MTA/CART

BOLD indicates in-person attendance.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Bruce Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

2. Review of past meeting notes

This item was tabled due to lack of an in-person quorum.

3.1 NHDOT Corridor Study Program

Mr. William Rose gave an overview of the NHDOT Corridor Study Program, which was created as part of the 2019-2028 Ten-Year Plan. It is currently funded at \$700,000 per year, which has been flexed from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program.

The new program's goals are to identify challenges/opportunities earlier in the process, improve information available to project managers, incorporate local concerns/feedback, and to focus on corridors at a broader scale (i.e. bigger than a single intersection). The new process can better inform the Ten-Year Plan selection process.

Mr. Andrew Fabiszewski spoke on the corridor prioritization tool, whose goal is to score and prioritize corridors based on data collected from the state GIS catalog and Census data. Currently feedback is being solicited from the steering committee and general public. 85 corridors have been segmented into 170 sub-corridors in 15-20-mile segments. Scoring attributes will be broken into five categories:

- System Preservation
- Mobility
- Physical Road Attributes
- Safety
- Socioeconomic

He shared an ArcGIS StoryMap and Excel tool, which are still in development. The NH Route 114 corridor in Bedford-Goffstown performed very well in initial application of the tool and is expected to be priority #1 statewide.

In response to a question from Ms. Kristen Clarke, Mr. Fabiszewski replied that crash data comes from 2015-19. At the statewide level it is difficult to investigate every point location, so a trust in general trends becomes necessary.

Mr. Leigh Levine asked if the tool takes into consideration resources developed by the MPO, i.e. the Travel Demand Model, CMP, or Long Range Plan. Mr. Rose replied that as individual corridor study scopes are developed, NHDOT anticipates corridor-specific steering committees that will include representatives from MPOs/RPCs.

3.2 Freight Truck Parking Inventory

Mr. David Tilton introduced a project that will identify and inventory publicly and privately owned freight truck parking facilities within the region. The number of parking facilities, either public or private, to accommodate these vehicles is not keeping up with the demand, which forces drivers to park in unsecured and potentially unsafe areas like freeway off-ramps, large retail parking lots, or abandoned gas stations. This results in unsafe conditions for the motoring public and the drivers hauling freight. Next steps include creating a list of stakeholders with industry and community contacts, developing a surveys, conditions analysis, and inventory.

In response to a question from Ms. Linda Kunhardt, Mr. Tilton said that the first step is inventorying parking areas. Once this is done, the data will be used to locate parking lot deserts and potential new parking areas.

3.3 Week Without Driving

Ms. Tammy Zamoyski reviewed the first National Week Without Driving, to be held October 2-8, 2023. She encouraged everyone to sign up, noting that the purpose of the exercise is to understand the barriers and challenges that non-drivers face when trying to move safely in their communities, and work with non-drivers to create better communities for all.

Mr. Mike Whitten offered a free weekly pass from MTA for anyone who would like to participate.

In response to a question from Chair Thomas, Ms. Zamoyski said that the only outreach that has been done so far is to colleagues at other RPCs. In the coming months, there will be press releases and social media exposure. SNHPC is relying on nonprofits and community leaders for much of the outreach.

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 10:25 am.

Next meeting: September 21, 2023