

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Meeting Minutes of the SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) September 21, 2023

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Thomas, Chair - Hooksett

Kristen Clarke - Manchester DPW

Jonathan Golden - Manchester Planning

Andrew Hadik - Chester

Becky Hebert - Bedford

Linda Kunhardt - Francestown

Nancy Michels - Derry/Londonderry CoC

Lucy St John - NHDOT

George Sioras - Derry

Mark Suennen - New Boston

Sylvia von Aulock - SNHPC

Tracey Whitehead - MTA/CART

Mike Whitten - MTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Bazegian - Londonderry

Benjamin Bennett - Londonderry

Ricky DiCillo - NHDES

Roch Larochelle - HDR Consultants

Brendan McDowell - Manchester Planning

Vanessa Partington - NHDES

Elizabeth Robidoux - Hooksett

Craig Tufts - Central NH RPC

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Nathan Miller, Deputy Executive Director

Adam Hlasny, Sr. Transportation Planner

Suzanne Nienaber, Principal Planner

Cam Prolman, Regional Planner

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

Steve Rollins - Deerfield

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Cole Riel - Gr. Manchester Chamber

BOLD indicates in-person attendance.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Bruce Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

2. Review of past meeting notes

Motion by Mr. Andrew Hadik to approve meeting notes from March-August 2023, seconded by Ms. Linda Kunhardt and carried unanimously.

3.1 NHDES Funding for EV Supply Equipment Installation

Mr. Ricky DiCillo announced that NHDES applied for discretionary NEVI funds in June 2023. If awarded, an announcement will be made in the coming weeks. This funding would open a competitive RFP to allow funding of EV project in communities rather than on highway corridors. Priority locations include community centers, commerce centers, rural areas, tourist destinations, and multi-unit dwellings.

There will be listening sessions coming up at noon and 7pm on 10/4/23. Sylvia said that SNHPC could distribute this information in its next media blast.

In response to a question from Ms. Kunhardt, Mr. DiCillo said that funding may be available to bolster a stressed electric grid. However, distribution of funding would be a balancing act, attempting to fund as many EV charging stations as possible as well.

3.2 Draft FY2025-2034 TYP Review

Mr. Nate Miller reviewed the new projects and project changes affecting the SNHPC region in the draft Ten-Year Plan. Timeline-wise, the last GACIT hearing is in Goffstown on 10/25/23, after which point GACIT will finalize its version of the TYP in late November-early-December and send to Governor Sununu. After potential edits by him, as well as House and Senate Committees, the TYP will become law as amended by 6/30/24.

Mr. Miller encouraged those present to attend a GACIT hearing, either in Londonderry on 9/27, Goffstown on 10/25, or any others around the state. Written comments are due to Mr. Bill Watson of NHDOT by 11/3/23.

3.3 LeeTron Al Traffic Counter

Mr. Dave Tilton gave an overview of SNHPC's newest piece of counting equipment, a non-intrusive traffic counting device that uses a camera and artificial intelligence to identify, count, and classify vehicles on roadways without the use of road tubes. This allows SNHPC staff to collect data on high-volume, high-speed roadways without having to enter the road, improving safety and minimizing disruptions to vehicles passing by the count site.

In response to a question from Mr. Mark Suennen, Mr. Tilton said that the output file can go directly into MS2, with the only edits needed being removal of the setup and breakdown day, and adding several digits to the site ID. He added that unclassified vehicles go into a separate bin. SNHPC staff will review the quantity of these vehicles but will not assign vehicles new classes.

Mr. Tilton added that a future feature of the technology will be to identify cyclists, pedestrians, and scooters in addition to vehicular traffic. At this time it can only be used to count two directions but not at a four-way intersection. Mr. Miller said that SNHPC's MioVision camera can capture intersection traffic, but data must be sent to Canada for manual processing.

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Robidoux to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kunhardt. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:34 am.

Next meeting: October 19, 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 September 21, 2023.

Sylvia von Aulock

Executive Director