

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Meeting Notes of the

SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) October 19, 2023

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Thomas, Chair - Hooksett

Benjamin Bennett – Londonderry

Kristen Clarke - Manchester DPW

Andrew Hadik - Chester

Brendan McDowell - Manchester Planning

Lucy St John - NHDOT

George Sioras - Derry

Mark Suennen - New Boston

Sylvia von Aulock - SNHPC

Tracey Whitehead - MTA/CART

Jessica Wilcox - NHDES

OTHERS PRESENT

Audrey Beaulac – HDR Consultants Craig Tufts – Central NH RPC Matt Waitkins – Nashua RPC

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Nathan Miller, Deputy Executive Director Benjamin Herbert, Mobility Manager 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

Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Becky Hebert – Bedford
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Nancy Michels – Derry/Londonderry CoC
Mike Whitten – MTA

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Linda Kunhardt – Francestown Cole Riel – Gr. Manchester Chamber Elizabeth Robidoux – Hooksett

BOLD indicates in-person attendance.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Bruce Thomas began the meeting at 9:34 AM. A moment of silence was observed to commemorate the passing of Mr. Ricky DiCillo of NHDES, a frequent TAC attendee.

2. Review of past meeting notes

This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

3.1 SNHPC FY23-26 TIP Amendment #3

Mr. Nate Miller gave an overview of the SNHPC projects in TIP Amendment #3, which will be released for a 10-day public comment period on 11/6/23. The public hearing will take place at the 11/28/23 SNHPC MPO meeting.

In response to a question from Mr. Mark Suennen, Mr. Miller replied that the TRAFMON program will have \$2 million in funding in each of FY24, 25, and 26.

3.2 **Equity Analysis: Regional Transportation Investments**

Ms. Suzanne Nienaber and Mr. Zach Swick provided an overview of the results of the Phase 2 regional investment analysis, which used the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a baseline for comparing planned financial investments within the Equity Area to those outside of the Equity Area. This analysis used a per capita approach to assessing the distribution of approximately \$1.2 billion (in 2021 dollars) in transportation spending from 2021-2045. They also touched upon study limitations and summarized opportunities for future research.

In response to a question from Ms. Sylvia von Aulock, Mr. Swick said that the adequacy of investments (i.e. bike-ped infrastructure) will be analyzed in the next phase of this project.

In response to a question from Mr. Ben Bennett, Mr. Swick said that statistics below the mean were not considered because those areas have lower levels of vulnerable populations.

Chair Thomas added that not all projects helping those in equity areas would necessarily be located within those areas. For instance, completion of a rail trail connection from Manchester to Londonderry could aid in people commuting to jobs across the town border. Mr. Swick noted that this is a major limitation of the analysis.

3.3 Mobility Management Review

Mr. Benjamin Herbert gave a summary of his projects and accomplishments in his year-plus of being Mobility Manager, including collaborations with towns and organizations, outreach initiatives, and being a "transportation social worker" for those needing rides within the Greater Manchester-Derry-Salem region.

In response to a question from Mr. Swick, Mr. Herbert replied that he would probably direct a commuter looking for east-west service between Manchester and Portsmouth to CommuteSmart NH.

4. Other Business

Chair Thomas encouraged TAC members to attend in-person next month to ensure a quorum of 8.

Mr. Miller noted that the final GACIT hearing in the region (and state) will take place 10/25/23, 7pm at Fire Station #18 in Goffstown.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Next meeting: November 16, 2023