



Meeting Notes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
November 16, 2023
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Thomas, Chair – Hooksett
Kristen Clarke – Manchester DPW
Becky Hebert – Bedford
Linda Kunhardt – Franconia
Brendan McDowell – Manchester Planning
Lucy St John – NHDOT
George Sioras – Derry
Mark Suennen – New Boston
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Tracey Whitehead – MTA/CART

OTHERS PRESENT

Craig Tufts – Central NH RPC

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Cole Riel – Gr. Manchester Chamber
Elizabeth Robidoux – Hooksett

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Nathan Miller, Deputy Executive Director
Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner
Suzanne Nienaber, Principal Planner
Cam Prolman, Regional Planner
Anthony Summers, Field Technician
Zach Swick, Senior GIS Analyst
David Tilton, Regional Planner
Tammy Zamoyski, Regional Planner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Benjamin Bennett – Londonderry
Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Nancy Michels – Derry/Londonderry CoC
Mike Whitten – MTA
Jessica Wilcox - NHDES

BOLD indicates in-person attendance.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Bruce Thomas began the meeting at 9:31 AM.

2. Review of past minutes/meeting notes

This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

3.1 SNHPC FY23-26 TIP Amendment #3

Mr. Nate Miller gave a brief review of the SNHPC TIP Amendment #3, noting that its public hearing will take place at the 11/28/23 SNHPC MPO meeting. One public comment was received from NHDOT, which has proposed adding funding for FY24-26 for a training program focused on hiring and retaining employees in its ranks.

A consensus of those members present agreed to recommend the MPO adopt TIP Amendment #3.

3.2 Climate Action Toolkit: Roadway Improvements

Ms. Suzanne Nienaber and Mr. Zach Swick provided an overview of the Climate Action Toolkit content, including a technical analysis that introduces a corridor-scale approach to analyzing roadway vulnerabilities and identifying adaptation priorities. Ms. Nienaber added that SNHPC staff met with Mr. Andrew Hadik and other Town of Chester staff for a workshop on NH Route 102 flood impacts. This corridor-level analysis helped call attention to cascading flood impacts across property and town lines.

3.3 Bike-Ped Counting: 2023 Season in Review

Messrs. David Tilton and Adam Hlasny provided an overview of the 2023 bike-ped counting season, which saw long-term counts conducted on the Londonderry and Windham Rail Trails, as well as over two dozen short-term (three-week) counts on trails and sidewalks in seven SNHPC communities. Data from sidewalks and trails around the region was shared with TAC members, along with obstacles and a preview of the 2024 season.

4. Other Business

Mr. Miller noted that the final GACIT hearing in the region (and state) took place on 10/25/23 in Goffstown. Since then, NHDOT has posted a spreadsheet of general themes brought up by members of the public, as well as a more in-depth “summary book” of detailed public testimony.

The first of two GACIT deliberative sessions were held last week at the state house, at which several important decisions were made:

- Regarding the delayed I-293 Exit 6 & 7 project, GACIT discussed and agreed upon a \$50 million turnpike bond which would help the project finish within the Ten-Year Plan window.
- All non-EV CMAQ projects were approved except for one in Milford.
- Of 19 EV-related CMAQ projects, GACIT endorsed inclusion of approximately 15; the others will not be included due to eligibility reasons.
- The Bedford culvert/bridge project over Riddle Brook on Nashua Road is expected to be included in the Ten-Year Plan as an emergent need.
- Councilor Gatsas raised concerns about the intersection of NH Route 3A and Manchester Community College. NHDOT advised that they would look into the issue, and could recommend a road safety audit to look at alternative solutions. This intersection could also be affected by the construction of I-293 Exit 7.
- A proposal based on public comments to complete Capitol Corridor rail work failed on a 4-1 vote.
- Milepost-based interstate exit numbering was rejected unanimously.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Next meeting: December 14, 2023