



Meeting Notes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
January 18, 2024
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Thomas, Chair – Hooksett
Mike Bazegian – Londonderry
Kristen Clarke – Manchester DPW
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Linda Kunhardt – Franconia
Brendan McDowell – Manchester Planning
Elizabeth Robidoux – Hooksett
Lucy St John – NHDOT
George Sioras – Derry
Mark Suennen – New Boston
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC

OTHERS PRESENT

Ray Breslin – Londonderry
Leigh Levine – FHWA
Craig Tufts – Central NH RPC

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Cole Riel – Gr. Manchester Chamber

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Nathan Miller, Deputy Executive Director
Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner
Suzanne Nienaber, Principal Planner
Anthony Summers, Field Technician
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
George Fredette – Derry/Londonderry CoC
Tracey Whitehead – MTA/CART
Mike Whitten – MTA
Jessica Wilcox – NHDES

BOLD indicates in-person attendance.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Bruce Thomas began the meeting at 9:32 AM.

2. Review of past minutes/meeting notes

This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

3.1 Winter Bike-to-Work Day 2024

Ms. Tammy Zamoyski gave an overview of this year's worldwide event, to take place on February 9. She is tracking participation in real-time; there are currently participants in several areas of the state. Bedford REI is offering a free class on winter biking on February 2, from 6-7pm. On the day of the event there will be food, warming stations, and camaraderie available. There will also be four "Park and Pedal" locations in Manchester, enabling commuters to drive partway to work and cycle the rest of the way.

3.2 Overview of Proposed 2024 Regional Safety Performance Targets

Mr. David Tilton and Mr. Zach Swick provided an overview of some concerning safety trends from a national and international perspective; they went on to discuss Safety Performance Targets and recommended SNHPC adopt statewide targets for all but the Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT. Instead of .919, the SNHPC recommended target is .795.

2024 Proposed SNHPC Regional Safety Performance Targets

Safety Measures	SNHPC Five-Year Rolling Averages		Trends		State Target	SNHPC Recommended Target
	2017-2021	2018-2022	Recent	Desired	2024	
Number of Fatalities	18.8	21.0	↑	↓	120.0	Support State Target (approx. 20 regionally)
Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	0.706	0.787	↑	↓	0.919	Adopt Regional Target: 0.795
Number of Serious Injuries	95.0	102.4	↑	↓	509.6	Support State Target (approx. 105 regionally)
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	3.548	3.827	↑	↓	3.877	Support State Target
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	12.0	12.4	↑	↓	39.4	Support State Target (approx. 11 regionally)

Mr. Mark Suennen thanked the presenters for showing results from the last several years. He asked if there are consequences for targets that are not met. Mr. Nate Miller replied that there are no consequences at the MPO level, but the state loses its ability to flex Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds if statewide targets go unmet. SNHPC must still track and report how the region has fared over time.

Mr. Miller added that traffic/red light camera use is ubiquitous in Southern Ontario, which affects driver behavior. Camera use will likely increase in the US; New York State has begun automated enforcement in work zones on Interstates 87 and 90.

It was the consensus of those members present to recommend adoption of performance targets to the MPO at its January 23, 2024 meeting.

3.3 Freight Vehicle Parking Inventory

Mr. Tilton reviewed preliminary results of the community stakeholder survey regarding truck parking in the SNHPC region. So far there have been 13 responses out of 75 invitations.

In response to a question from Ms. Linda Kunhardt, Mr. Tilton responded that survey data may spur additional study on potential new truck parking areas, which may include conversion of spaces at existing park and ride lots.

3.4 SNHPC Website Updates

Mr. Ben Herbert reviewed recent changes to the “Transportation Services” and “Transportation Coordination” sections of the SNHPC website. These changes were made to help website visitors find information more clearly.

In response to a question from Chair Thomas, Mr. Herbert said that requests for rides through the website increased from 1 during the first fiscal year to 5 or 6 in the current fiscal year. Ms. Elizabeth Robidoux added that it would be nice for municipalities to have this feature on their websites.

4. Other Business

Mr. Miller noted that since the final GACIT hearing took place on 10/25/23, Governor Sununu has made several changes to the Draft Ten-Year Plan, including the following:

- Six CMAQ projects (including five EV-related) were removed, including the Market Basket charging stations in Manchester.
- These funds were redeployed to
 - Hampton Branch Rail Trail (~\$2.5 million)
 - FTA 5339 Program (\$3.8 million) for transit capital projects including a new maintenance facility for COAST
 - FTA 5310 Program (\$2.2 million for mobility management, \$1 million for statewide transportation demand management to promote and support shared ride activities)

The Governor’s version of the Plan becomes House Bill 2024; the next step is a public hearing in the House Public Works and Highways Committee. A date for this hearing has not yet been announced.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Next meeting: February 15, 2024