

**SNHPC**

# Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, NH 03102-3546, Telephone (603) 669-4664 Fax (603) 669-4350

www.snhpc.org

## Minutes of the SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 27, 2021

11:30 A.M.

Meeting held in-person at the SNHPC office (438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, NH). Virtual participation in the MPO meeting was also accommodated via Zoom due to COVID-19

### MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Auburn	William Herman
Auburn	Paula Marzloff
Bedford	William Duschatko
Bedford	Bill Jean
Candia	Albert Hall
Chester	Andrew Hadik
Derry	Jeff Moulton
Derry	Richard Tripp
Goffstown	David Pierce
Londonderry	Brian Battaglia
Londonderry (Alt)	Suzanne Brunelle
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	Raymond Clement
New Boston	David Litwinovich
Windham	Peter Griffin
Manchester Transit	Laurie Makarawicz
NH DOT	William Rose

### MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Bedford (Alt)	Bryan Lord
Derry	John O'Connor
Francestown (Alt)	Alfred Eisenberg
Francestown (Alt)	Jennifer Vadney
Goffstown (Alt)	Jo Ann Duffy
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg
Weare	Tom Clow
Windham	John Hiltz

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bedford (Alt)	Barbara Salvatore
Chester	Deborah Munson
Deerfield	Robert Cote
Derry	Dave McPherson
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Manchester	Daniel O'Neil
New Boston	Mark Suennen

### VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Bedford	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seat
Candia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Seat
Goffstown	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seat
Hooksett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seat
Manchester	4 <sup>th</sup> Seat

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn (Alt)	Jeffrey Porter
Bedford	Charlie Fairman
Derry	Adam Burch
Deerfield	Frederick McGarry
Hooksett	Cutler Brown
Londonderry	Martin Srugis
Manchester (Alt)	Kevin McCue
Weare	Naomi Bolton

### STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Nathan Miller	Deputy Executive Director
Carl Eppich	Pr. Transportation Planner

### STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Cam Prolman	Regional Planner
Zachary Swick	Senior GIS Analyst
James Vayo	Project Manager

### PRESENTERS & PUBLIC VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Christina Laird	
Jessica Margeson	
Tim White	NH DES
Tammy Zamoyski	QC Bike Collective

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moulton called the MPO meeting to order at 11:32 AM. A quorum was present in-person. Chair Moulton read a statement of the requirements for commissioners and members of the public participating in the meeting virtually.

## **VOTE TO ALLOW VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION**

***Motion by Mr. Pierce to allow virtual participation of the public and MPO members beyond those constituting the in-person quorum. Motion seconded by Mr. Griffin. Vote was taken by roll call. Motion carried, with Mr. O'Connor abstaining.***

## **ACTION ON MINUTES OF June 22, 2021**

***Motion by Mr. Hall to approve the minutes for June 22, 2021, seconded by Mr. Capano. Vote was taken by roll call. Motion carried with Messrs. Hiltz, Litwinovich, Tripp, and Mses. Duffy, Makarawicz, and Vadney abstaining.***

Those present observed a moment of silence for Mr. Dick Marshall, who recently passed away after 47 years of service as an SNHPC Commissioner.

## **OLD BUSINESS** (None)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Manchester Airport's Challenge in a COVID World**

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Director Theodore Kitchens gave a presentation about the airport's enplanement data from before COVID to the present and significant projects (i.e. new cargo facility, Spirit Airlines) in development. He noted that about 5,500 passengers per day in Manchester's catchment area utilize Boston's Logan Airport, which results in significant revenue loss.

In response to a question from Mr. Hadik, Mr. Kitchens said that Spirit Airlines could be a large factor in the airport's recovery. In a UNH poll, it was determined that consumers want more destinations, lower fares, and direct flights. Spirit's arrival will check all those boxes, and it will be up to the community to show its support. If Spirit's initial routes show strong ridership, the potential for other low-cost carriers to fly to Manchester increases.

In response to a question from Mr. Hall, Mr. Kitchens said that some marketing has been done in Massachusetts, primarily north of the I-495 beltway in cities like Lowell and Methuen.

Mr. Kitchens highlighted the substantial growth in cargo operations at MHT, noting that the previous record high cargo volume was broken by 8% this past year. UPS and FedEx fly large volumes of cargo from their hubs, which are then fed to smaller northern New England airports such as Burlington, Rutland, Portland, and even Presque Isle. MHT is getting closer to finding a tenant for the new proposed cargo facility.

He concluded the presentation by noting what SNHPC can do to assist the airport in its recovery efforts. Mr. Kitchen's vision is to transform MHT into a multi-modal hub. This would include

improving regional bus service and implementing direct rail connectivity. He encouraged those present to fly Spirit Airlines.

**2021 Regional Trails Plan Adoption**

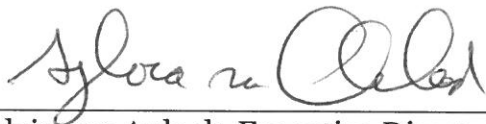
SNHPC Senior Transportation Planner Adam Hlasny briefly summarized the 2021 Regional Trails Plan, noting that a public comment period was open from May 23-July 9, 2021. Comments have been incorporated, and at its July 15, 2021 meeting the TAC recommended MPO adoption of the plan.

***Motion by Mr. Hall to adopt the 2021 Regional Trails Plan, seconded by Mr. Capano and carried unanimously.***

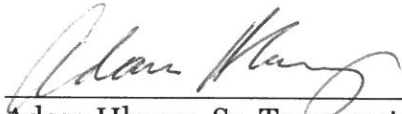
**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Mr. Hall to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tripp. Chair Moulton declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM.***

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.



Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director



Adam Hlasny, Sr. Transportation Planner

