



# Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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## Minutes of the SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

February 22, 2022

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
Bedford	Charlie Fairman
Bedford	Bill Jean
Candia	Albert Hall
Chester	Deborah Munson
Deerfield	Robert Cote
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	Raymond Clement
Manchester	Marcus Ponce de Leon, Alt.
Windham	Peter Griffin

### MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Bedford (Alt)	Barbara Salvatore
Bedford (Alt)	Bryan Lord
Candia	Rudy Cartier
Deerfield	Frederick McGarry
Derry	Jeff Moulton
Derry	John O'Connor
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Goffstown	Jacob LaFontaine
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg
Manchester	Donald Waldron
New Boston	Mark Suennen
Weare	Tom Clow
Windham	John Hiltz
Ricky DiCillo	NHDES
William Rose	NHDOT

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Chester	Andrew Hadik
Derry	Richard Tripp
Francestown (Alt)	Alfred Eisenberg
Goffstown (Alt)	Jo Ann Duffy
Londonderry (Alt)	Brian Battaglia
Weare	Naomi Bolton
Windham	Edgar LaPointe
Manchester-Boston Regional Airport	Theodore Kitchens

### VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Bedford	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seat
Hooksett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seat

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn (Alt)	Jeffrey Porter
Auburn	Paula Marzloff
Bedford	William Duschatko
Bedford	Danielle Evansic
Francestown (Alt)	Jennifer Vadney
Goffstown	David Pierce
Hooksett	Nicholas Williams
Londonderry	Suzanne Brunelle
Londonderry	Martin Srugis
Londonderry	Lynn Wiles, Alt.
Manchester	Daniel O'Neil
New Boston	David Litwinovich
FHWA	Leigh Levine

### STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Nathan Miller	Deputy Executive Director
Linda Moore-O'Brien	Office Administrator
James Vayo	Project Manager

### STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Cam Prolman	Regional Planner
Carl Eppich	Pr. Transportation Planner
Tammy Zamoyski	Regional Planner
Monique Duchesne	Assistant Planner
Zachary Swick	Senior GIS Analyst

### GUEST VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Matt Baronas	Central NH RPC
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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Griffin called the MPO meeting to order at 11:32 AM. A quorum was present in-person.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2022**

Motion by Mr. Hall to approve the minutes for January 25, 2022, seconded by Mr. Clement. Motion carried, with Messrs. Hall, Cartier, and Rose abstaining.

### **OLD BUSINESS** (none)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2022 SNHPC Safety Performance Targets**

Mr. Eppich stated there are five federally-required safety measures to monitor fatalities and serious injuries. These are: 1) Number of Fatalities; 2) Fatality Rate; 3) Number of Serious Injuries; 4) Serious Injury Rate; and 5) Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. Mr. Eppich noted that MPOs can set their own annual safety targets or support the state-level performance targets.

Mr. Eppich reviewed the SNHPC TAC's recommendations for the annual safety performance targets. The TAC has recommended supporting the state-level targets for four of the five measures, with the exception of for the fatality target, which the TAC suggested should be set at 0.750 for this year.

Mr. Waldron asked how this program differs from Vision Zero. Mr. Eppich explained that the annual targets track the region's progress towards the larger Vision Zero goals.

In response to a question from Ms. Salvatore regarding the measurement of Road Rage, Mr. Eppich said that while there have been more serious injuries with less traffic during the pandemic, there are not currently federally-required performance targets that focus on behavioral considerations. It was noted that autonomous vehicles may help mitigate behavioral issues and human error in the future.

Motion by Mr. Capano to adopt the 2022 Safety Performance Targets recommended by the SNHPC TAC.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hall and carried unanimously.

#### **Pathways to Play Project Overview**

Ms. Zamoyski began by saying this project is funded by the NH Children's Health Foundation and was inspired by a similar program led by the Strafford RPC. The goal is to prevent childhood obesity by increasing awareness of recreational opportunities and improving active transportation options to get to those recreational opportunities.

Mr. Prolman provided an overview of the timeline and milestones which include resident surveys, community outreach and a pilot program. Deliverables include the development of GIS spatial data, maps for each municipality, a report (accessibility by socioeconomics and proximity to transportation), and implementation of a pilot program.

There was a discussion about inviting not just commissioners, but many community members to join the project's stakeholder group. In response to a question from Mr. Ponce de Leon, Mr. Prolman explained that communities will be informed about this group through social media, flyers, emails and phone calls. Mr. Ponce de Leon suggested markers on rail trails might be another way to spread the word. Ms. Munson recommending advertising at libraries as well.

Ms. von Aulock said while there is no limit to how many representatives from each municipality may be involved, it is hoped there will be a variety of agencies and municipal staff as well as residents represented.

Responding to a comment from Mr. Fairman regarding different needs among municipalities, Mr. Prolman explained the information collected at the beginning of this project will be reflected in the report.

Mr. Hall commented it seems children are born with cell phones or electronic devices, and wondered if there is a way to reach children that way. Mr. Prolman said they are hoping to provide meaningful education and infrastructure.

Mr. Prolman noted the link for Pathways to Play should be available later this week.

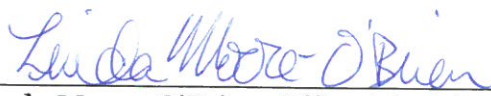
**Other Business** (none)

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Mr. Hall to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Capano. Chair Griffin declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.***

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

  
Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director

  
Linda Moore-O'Brien, Office Administrator

