



**DRAFT Notes of the
SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

June 16, 2022

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission/Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Clarke – Manchester DPW
Tom Clow – Weare*
Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning
Andrew Hadik – Chester
Jillian Harris – Bedford*
Nancy Michels – Derry/Londonderry CoC
Fred Roberge – Easterseals NH
George Sioras – Derry
Mark Suennen – New Boston*
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Tim White – NHDES*
Mike Whitten – MTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Nick Alexander – NHDOT*
Matt Baronas – CNHRPC*

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner
Cam Prolman, Regional Planner*
Zach Swick, Senior GIS Analyst*
James Vayo, Project Manager
Tammy Zamoyski, Regional Planner*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Steve Rollins - Deerfield
Bruce Thomas – Hooksett
Linda Wescott – NHDOT

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Linda Kunhardt – Francestown
Cole Riel – Greater Manchester CoC
Tracey Whitehead – CART

*Attended meeting virtually via Zoom

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Vice-Chair Kristen Clarke called the meeting of the SNHPC TAC to order at 9:33 AM.

2. Action on Minutes of February 17 & March 17, 2022

Motion by Mr. George Sioras to approve February minutes, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Golden and approved unanimously with Mr. Fred Roberge abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Sioras to approve March minutes, seconded by Mr. Roberge and approved unanimously with Mr. Tom Clow abstaining.

3.1 Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP)

Mr. Nick Alexander of NHDOT gave an overview of the TAMP, noting that this document is required to be updated every four years by FHWA. The TAMP includes information about bridges and pavements on the National Highway System (NHS) for NH such as lane miles, current conditions, and forecasted conditions. In addition, the TAMP outlines the

management approaches that NHDOT utilizes as well as connections to the planning process in NH. The current iteration will be finalized by the end of June.

In response to a question from Mr. Mark Suennen, Mr. Alexander said that the plan does account for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding.

In response to a question from Mr. James Vayo, Mr. Alexander noted that pavement and bridge condition data are primary inputs that create starting points for which infrastructure should be preserved and rehabilitated. He also mentioned the SADES culvert inventory, the data from which goes directly into the culvert management program.

3.2 SNHPC FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #4

Ms. Sylvia von Aulock reviewed TIP Amendment #4, noting that a public hearing will be held at the June 28, 2022 MPO meeting.

One public comment has been received from NHDOT, who noted that \$66,000 in PE funding for FY2022 was added to Project 41715 in Londonderry; its schedule was extended due to the pandemic.

In response to a question from Mr. Mike Whitten, Mr. Alexander said that the removal of the I-93 expansion project from the TIP does not have an impact on Boston Express funding.

3.3 Overview of 2025-2034 Ten-Year Plan Process

Ms. von Aulock reviewed the Ten-Year Plan process, asking TAC members to consider the 2020 criteria weightings and whether to adjust them for the current process.

There were several questions about the robustness of crash data for the safety performance sub criterion. Police reports can be limited in detail, so data is compiled from federal sources as well as local.

In response to a question from Mr. Andrew Hadik re: how Ten-Year Plan criteria were developed, Ms. von Aulock said that RPC transportation planners met with NHDOT during the 2019-2020 round to do so. In the summer of 2020, the TAC had an opportunity to rate the importance of all 15 sub criteria, which led to development of the current weightings.

While there was some desire among TAC members to consider tweaking weightings, there was general agreement that small changes in percentages would not have a discernible effect on overall project priorities.

Motion by Mr. Sioras to support current criteria weightings and recommend adoption to the MPO, seconded by Mr. Hadik. Motion passed with Mr. Suennen in opposition.

4. Other Business

Mr. Whitten said that MTA has partnered with the Nature Conservancy to pilot a Transit-to-Trails service on the first Saturday of each month from May-October 2022. There have been unforeseen challenges, such as NH State Parks requiring a special event permit and charging fees. The next trip will be to Pawtuckaway State Park on July 2. The cost is \$5 for a round-trip ticket and individuals are allowed to bring bicycles.

Mr. Vayo reported out on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal funding opportunity. He mentioned that 30% of all federal surface transportation dollars over the next five years will come through discretionary grants. The deadline for this funding is September 15, 2022, and there is a 20% local match requirement. The project cost ceiling is \$1 million, and there is no project minimum.

Ms. von Aulock noted that SNHPC staff are talking internally about potential collaboration opportunities with municipalities or other MPOs, as the deadline is fast approaching.

In response to a question from Ms. Jillian Harris, Mr. Vayo said that more information will be distributed in the coming week.

5. Adjournment

Vice Chair Clarke declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Next meeting: July 21, 2022

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the notes of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Southern NH Planning Commission for June 16, 2022.

Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: