Minutes of the
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

November 24, 2020
11:30 A.M.

Meeting Held via Zoom due to COVID-19

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT
Jeffrey Porter, Alt. Auburn
William Duschatko Bedford
Andrew Hadik Chester
Deb Munson Chester
Jeff Moulton, Chair Derry
John O’Connor Derry
Linda Kunhardt Franconia
Brian Battaglia Londonderry
Suzanne Brunelle Londonderry
Arthur Rugg Londonderry
Peter Capano Manchester
Raymond Clement Manchester
Dan O’Neil Manchester
Mark Suennens, Secretary New Boston
Tom Clow Weare
John Hiltz Windham
Mike Whitten MTA
Dean Williams Central RPC
Lucy St. John NHDOT
Tim White NHDES

MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT
Al Hall, III Candia
David Pierce, Treasurer Goffstown

MEMBERS EXCUSED
William Herman Auburn
Barbara Salvatore, Alt. Bedford
Jennifer Vandal Franconia
Barbara J. Griffin Goffstown
Cutler Brown Hooksett
Richard G. Marshall Hooksett
Deb Lievens Londonderry
Martin Snugis Londonderry
Peter Griffin, Vice Chair Windham
Tim Murphy SWRPC

MEMBERS ABSENT
Paula Marzloff Auburn
David Danieleoson Bedford
Charles Fairman, Alt. Bedford
Bill Jean, Alt. Bedford
Bryan Lord, Alt. Bedford
Richard Snow Candia
Robert Cote Deerfield
Frederick McGarvey Deerfield
Richard Tripp Derry
Patrick Behen Franconia
Alfred Eisenberg, Alt. Franconia
Henry C. Boyle Goffstown
Jo Ann Duffy, Alt. Goffstown
Mark Chagnon Hooksett
Kevin McCue, Alt. Manchester
David Litwinovich New Boston
Jay Minkarah Nashua RPC
Leigh Levine Fed. Hwy Admin
Tim Roache Rockingham Planning Cmsn
William Rose NHDOT
Linda Dusenbury NHDOT
Jen Czyz Sz

STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT
Zachary Swick Sr. GIS Analyst
Madeleine Dilonno Associate Planner
Carl Eppich Pr. Transportation Planner
Adam Hlasny Sr. Transportation Planner
Cameron Prolman Regional Planner
Monique Duchesne Assistant Planner

STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT
Sylvia von Auclouk Executive Director
Nathan Miller Deputy Executive Director
Linda Moore-O’Brien Office Administrator

GUESTS PRESENT (none)
CALL TO ORDER
Chair Moulton called the MPO meeting to order at 11:33 A.M. and read the required statement regarding electronic meetings due to the State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Roll call was taken in conjunction with the minutes.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2020
Motion by Mr. Clement to approve the minutes for October 27, 2020, seconded by Ms. Kunhardt. Vote was taken by roll call. Motion carried, with Ms. St. John abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Congestion Management Process
Mr. Eppich stated that helpful comments were received on the draft CMP at SNHPC’s MPO Review from Federal partners. Mr. Eppich requested that the public hearing be continued to December to address and incorporate the comments.

Motion by Mr. Hadik to open the public hearing and continue the hearing until the December 22, 2020 MPO meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Kunhardt. Motion carried with Mr. Hiltz abstaining because he missed the first part of the discussion.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Messrs. Eppich and Vayo gave a presentation on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. The MTP serves as the long-range transportation planning document for the SNHPC. Also known as the Regional Transportation Plan, it contains SNHPC’s adopted policies, goals and project proposals to improve the regional transportation system over the coming 25-year period from 2021 to 2045.

Mr. Eppich explained the vision contains the region’s goals and objectives and lays out a fiscally constrained program of investments in the transportation network. In addition to the regional vision, the MTP also aligns goals, objectives, and priorities with the federally designated planning factors to address the long-range planning needs of a variety of transportation modes. Transportation planning in the MTP includes Highways, Freight, Rail, Bicycle, and Pedestrian modes.

Mr. Eppich provided background information on the region’s population (including demographics) and settlement patterns. The information uses estimates over time to identify trends and patterns, which are projected out to the planning horizon of 2045. Mr. Eppich noted that the amount of growth in NH is decreasing and that employment is most dense in Manchester and along highway facilities, emphasizing that most jobs in the
region are within two miles of the region’s highway exits, using only one-quarter of the region’s land.

Mr. Vayo provided an orientation of the goals and objectives of the MTP. Mr. Vayo noted that while the 2020 MTP goals are based in part on the previous plan’s goals, SNHPC staff used a litmus test to validate the revised goals and objectives in the MTP to federally designated planning factors defined in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Mr. Vayo noted the MTP goals and objectives align with the following themes: safety, efficiency, local economy and access, regional economy and connectivity, global connectivity and tourism, resilience and environment, land use and quality of life, and authentic engagement.

Mr. Vayo then provided an explanation of the Plan Evaluation chapter of the MTP, which utilizes performance measures for identifying and reporting targets for progress on regional goals. Mr. Vayo provided a description of each performance measure identified in the Draft MTP.

Mr. Vayo invited input from the MPO members and noted the next steps for the MTP include finalizing the travel demand forecast and financial plan chapters. Mr. Vayo stated that staff will return to present on those chapters during the December MPO meeting and to keep an eye out for more details next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Whitten to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Capano. Chair Moulton declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. following a roll call vote.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director

Linda Moore-O’Brien, Office Administrator