

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

October 27, 2020

11:30 A.M.

Meeting Held via Zoom due to COVID-19

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Herman	Auburn
William Duschatko	Bedford
Charles Fairman, Alt.	Bedford
Bill Jean, Alt.	Bedford
Bryan Lord, Alt.	Bedford
Barbara Salvatore, Alt.	Bedford
Al Hall, III	Candia
Richard Snow	Candia
Andrew Hadik	Chester
Deb Munson	Chester
Robert Cote	Deerfield
Jeff Moulton, Chair	Derry
John O'Connor	Derry
Patrick Behen	Francestown
Alfred Eisenberg, Alt.	Francestown
Linda Kunhardt	Francestown
Jennifer Vadney	Francestown
Jo Ann Duffy, Alt.	Goffstown
Barbara J. Griffin	Goffstown
David Pierce, Treasurer	Goffstown
Cutler Brown	Hooksett
Richard G. Marshall	Hooksett
Brian Battaglia	Londonderry
Arthur Rugg	Londonderry
Peter Capano	Manchester
Raymond Clement	Manchester
Dan O'Neil	Manchester
Mark Suennen, Secretary	New Boston
Tom Clow	Weare
John Hiltz	Windham
Mike Whitten	MTA
Dean Williams	Central RPC
William Rose	NHDOT
Tim White	NH DES

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Suzanne Brunnelle	Londonderry
Deb Lievens	Londonderry
Martin Srugis	Londonderry
David Litwinovich	New Boston
Peter Griffin, Vice Chair	Windham

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeffrey Porter, Alt.	Auburn
Paula Marzloff	Auburn
David Danielson	Bedford
Frederick McGarry	Deerfield
Richard Tripp	Derry
Henry C. Boyle	Goffstown
Mark Chagnon	Hooksett
Kevin McCue, Alt.	Manchester
Jay Minkarah	Nashua RPC
Leigh Levine	Fed. Hwy Admin
Tim Roache	Rockingham Planning Cmsn
William Watson	NHDOT
Linda Dusenberry	NHDOT
Jen Czysz	Strafford RPC

STAFF PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Nathan Miller	Deputy Executive Director
Linda Moore-O'Brien	Office Administrator
Zachary Swick	Sr. GIS Analyst
Madeleine Dilonno	Assistant Planner
James Vayo	Project Manager
Carl Eppich	Pr. Transportation Planner
Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Cameron Prolman	Regional Planner

GUESTS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moulton called the MPO meeting to order at 11:35 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Motion by Mr. Hall to approve the minutes for September 22, 2020, seconded by Mr. Pierce. Vote was taken by roll call. Motion carried, with Messrs. Jean, Brown, O'Neil, Suennen and Ms. Vadney abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Exit 4A Project Update

Mr. Miller reported that Bill Oldenburg from NHDOT was unable to attend and that he would try to re-schedule this topic. Mr. Snow suggested this topic might warrant a special meeting.

FY 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan Update

Mr. Miller stated there are important updates to review about the recent Ten-Year Plan (TYP) solicitation. SNHPC's estimated allocation of funding to program is level at \$8.554 Million for this TYP update cycle.

He explained that projects were solicited from all 14 SNHPC communities. Mr. Miller then reviewed the projects that were submitted for consideration.

- Supplemental funding for U.S. Route 3 Widening from Hawthorne Dr. to Manchester Airport Access Rd. (Bedford)
- Extension of Derry Rail Trail from Madden Road to Londonderry Town Line (Derry)
- Supplemental Funding for Safety and Operational Improvements at NH Route 28/128 Intersection (Londonderry)
- I-293/Second Street Engineering Study (Manchester)
- I-93 Exit 8 Interchange Improvements (Manchester)
- Hooksett Rd./Campbell St. and Campbell St./Hamel Dr. Intersection Improvements (Manchester)

Mr. Miller also noted that SNHPC has a contract for on-call engineering services with VHB. They will be providing scoping and cost estimating assistance for several of these proposed projects.

Mr. Miller noted that a “shortlist” of projects under consideration is required by NHDOT in early November. A TAC Subcommittee comprised of members representing communities/agencies without active project proposals (Dick Snow, Linda Kunhardt, Lara Makarawicz) developed an initial evaluation.

Mr. Miller said final regional priorities are due in March 2021. He noted that the Manchester Second Street project is emerging as a high priority. Mr. Miller also stated the Bedford and Londonderry projects are existing Ten-Year Plan projects that may require supplemental funding.

Mr. Miller mentioned that the Manchester I-293 /Second Street project is unique because it is a turnpike project. NHDOT has a standard practice of not using federal funding on the turnpike system, so funding this project would likely be at the NHDOT’s discretion using turnpike funds.

Mr. Miller said SNHPC will re-evaluate the initial priorities following the engineering scoping and cost estimating of the Derry Rail Trail, Manchester Exit 8 and Campbell St. projects as well as the Deerfield roundabout.

Congestion Management Process

SNHPC staff have completed and released a draft update of the region’s Congestion Management Process. The CMP is a federally-required systematic process for metropolitan planning organizations serving urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 residents.

Mr. Eppich provided an overview of the process, which includes travel time index (peak hour travel versus free-flow traffic), congestions problems and needs (volume, bottlenecks), and seasonal considerations.

Mr. O’Connor inquired about school traffic, where sometimes buses stop at every house. Mr. Whitten noted that school traffic can be tied to sidewalk access.

CMP Strategies include road management, transit and travel demand management and physical engineering infrastructure improvement. Mr. Eppich referred to congestion maps with corresponding strategies. Areas studied during AM and PM peak times include I-93; I-293; NH101; FE Everett Turnpike; NH 114; US Rte. 3; NH Rte. 28; NH Rte. 102 and NH Rte. 111.

Following the 30-day comment period, the SNHPC MPO will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the CMP at their November 24, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Eppich encouraged anyone with questions to contact him.

OTHER BUSINESS

FHWA MPO REVIEW

Mr. Miller explained that every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a MPO Review to evaluate the effectiveness of the SNHPC's transportation planning program and ensure that the SNHPC is meeting applicable federal requirements.

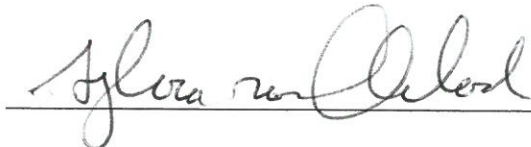
As part of the review process, the majority of the November 19, 2020 (9:30 AM) TAC agenda is reserved for an interactive discussion about the SNHPC's transportation planning process. This discussion will be led by Paul Maloney, P.E., Program and Management Analyst with the FHWA NH & VT Divisions.

Mr. Miller invited MPO or Commission members to participate in the November 19th TAC meeting to share their thoughts or provide input. He will send a notice to remind everyone about this as the date gets closer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Whitten to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kunhardt. Chair Moulton declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. following a roll call vote.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.



Sylvia von Aulock
Executive Director



Linda Moore-O'Brien
Office Administrator

Minutes approved on 11/24/20