



Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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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	Francestown
Brian Battaglia	Londonderry
Suzanne Brunnelle	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
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 Vadney	Francestown
Barbara J. Griffin	Goffstown
Cutler Brown	Hooksett
Richard G. Marshall	Hooksett
Deb Lievens	Londonderry
Martin Srugis	Londonderry
Peter Griffin, Vice Chair	Windham
Tim Murphy	SWRPC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paula Marzloff	Auburn
David Danielson	Bedford
Charles Fairman, Alt.	Bedford
Bill Jean, Alt.	Bedford
Bryan Lord, Alt.	Bedford
Richard Snow	Candia
Robert Cote	Deerfield
Frederick McGarry	Deerfield
Richard Tripp	Derry
Patrick Behen	Francestown
Alfred Eisenberg, Alt.	Francestown
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 Dusenberry	NHDOT
Jen Cysyz	Strafford RPC

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

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.

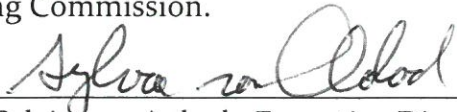
Mr. Vayo invited input from the MPO members and noted the next steps for the MTP include finalizing the travel demand forecast and financial plan chapters. Mr. Vayo stated that staff will return to present on those chapters during the December MPO meeting and to keep an eye out for more details next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