

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

December 22, 2020

11:30 A.M.

Meeting Held via Zoom due to COVID-19

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

William Herman	Auburn
Paula Marzloff	Auburn
William Duschatko	Bedford
Charles Fairman, Alt.	Bedford
Barbara Salvatore, Alt.	Bedford
Richard Snow	Candia
Deb Munson	Chester
Robert Cote	Deerfield
Jeff Moulton, Chair	Derry
John O'Connor	Derry
Alfred Eisenberg, Alt.	Francestown
Linda Kunhardt	Francestown
Brian Battaglia	Londonderry
Suzanne Brunnelle	Londonderry
Deb Lievens	Londonderry
Arthur Rugg	Londonderry
Martin Srugis	Londonderry
Peter Capano	Manchester
Mark Suennen, Secretary	New Boston
Tom Clow	Weare
Peter Griffin, Vice Chair	Windham
Mike Whitten	MTA
Dean Williams	Central RPC
Tim White	NHDES

MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Al Hall, III	Candia
David Pierce, Treasurer	Goffstown

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jennifer Vadney	Francestown
Barbara J. Griffin	Goffstown
Richard G. Marshall	Hooksett
Dan O'Neil	Manchester
Tim Murphy	SWRPC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeffrey Porter, Alt.	Auburn
David Danielson	Bedford
Bill Jean, Alt.	Bedford
Bryan Lord, Alt.	Bedford
Andrew Hadik	Chester
Frederick McGarry	Deerfield
Richard Tripp	Derry
Patrick Behen	Francestown
Henry C. Boyle	Goffstown
Jo Ann Duffy, Alt.	Goffstown
Cutler Brown	Hooksett
Raymond Clement	Manchester
Kevin McCue, Alt.	Manchester
David Litwinovich	New Boston
John Hiltz	Windham
Jay Minkarah	Nashua RPC
Leigh Levine	Fed. Hwy Admin
Tim Roache	Rockingham Planning Cmsn
William Rose	NHDOT
Linda Dusenberry	NHDOT

STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Zachary Swick	Sr. GIS Analyst
James Vayo	Project Manager
Madeleine Dilonno	Associate Planner
Carl Eppich	Pr. Transportation Planner
Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Cameron Prolman	Regional Planner

STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

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 11:36 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 NOVEMBER 24, 2020

Motion by Mr. Hall to approve the minutes for November 24, 2020, seconded by Ms. Lievens. Vote was taken by roll call. Motion carried, with Messrs. Herman, Fairman, Cote, Srugis, Griffin, Eisenberg and Ms. Marzloff and Salvatore abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Congestion Management Process

Mr. Eppich stated that helpful comments were received from Federal partners (FHWA and FTA) on the draft CMP at the SNHPC's recent MPO Review. Suggestions included enhancing public involvement descriptions, increasing the details on the congestion analysis narrative, and adding content to certain graphics.

Staff recommends adoption of the CMP with the incorporation of edits related to the Federal comments.

Motion by Mr. Capano to adopt the draft SNHPC CMP.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hall.

Motion carried with Mr. Suennen opposed.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Miller reviewed the program of projects and fiscal constraint elements of the draft MTP, which focus on the region's future transportation needs and the improvement projects identified to help meet those needs.

He stated that the regional travel demand model has been updated to include Allenstown, Bow, Dunbarton and Pembroke. This was done as a result of the Manchester Urbanized Area expanding into these towns following the last census. Mr. Miller mentioned that VHB is SNHPC's on-call engineering contractor and they have assisted with updating the travel demand model.

Mr. Miller reviewed projects in the SNHPC region, including both those covered under the Ten-Year Plan (FY 2021-2030) and the "Out Year" projects (FY 2031-2045). Projects included in the MTP come from a variety of sources including local Master Plans, regional plans (e.g., CMP), statewide plans, previous unfunded grant applications from municipalities, and special studies (e.g., Road Safety Audits, etc.).

Mr. Miller stated that the MTP is fully programmed according to anticipated revenues and fiscally constrained both in aggregate and in each year.

Mr. Miller reported that the draft MTP will be released tomorrow for a 30-day comment period. He said the 30-day public comment period will take place 12/23/20 until 1/22/21. On 1/26/21, a public hearing will take place at the MPO meeting to hear any final comments and consider adoption of the plan.

In response to questions from Mr. Griffin, Mr. Miller said he will reach out to a potential guest speaker in the New Year, Patrick Herlihy, to review the current status of the Capitol Corridor project and discuss the proposed sale of Pan Am to CSX. Regarding I-93 expansion, there is no significant expansion planned in the MTP on the I-93 corridor other than the completion of the Exit 4A project.

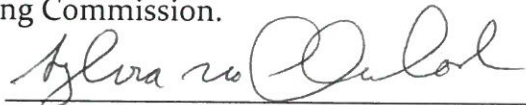
Ms. Salvatore inquired about the impact of the pandemic. Mr. Miller said the pandemic is overarching now, and the effects on travel patterns are being studied carefully. The travel demand model is based on the 2015 base year; when it comes to the 2020 base year, that will make a difference.

OTHER BUSINESS

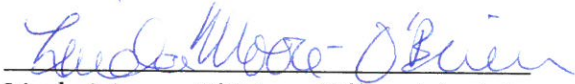
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Griffin to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whitten. Chair Moulton declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. following a roll call vote.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the December 22, 2020 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.



Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director



Linda Moore-O'Brien, Office Administrator