



# Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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## Minutes of the METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

September 24, 2019  
11:30 A.M.  
438 Dubuque Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

### MEMBERS PRESENT

William Herman	Auburn
Paula Marzloff	Auburn
Barbara Salvatore, Alt.	Bedford
Charles Fairman	Bedford
William Duschatko	Bedford
Karen McGinley	Bedford
Al Hall, III	Candia
Deb Munson	Chester
Jeff Moulton, Vice-Chair	Derry
Richard Tripp	Derry
Alfred Eisenberg, Alt.	Francestown
Linda Kunhardt	Francestown
Prescott "Guy" Tolman	Francestown
Jennifer Vadney	Francestown
Jo Ann Duffy, Alt.	Goffstown
David Pierce, Treasurer	Goffstown
Richard G. Marshall	Hooksett
Brian Battaglia	Londonderry
Suzanne Brunelle	Londonderry
Deb Lievens, Secretary	Londonderry
Arthur Rugg	Londonderry
Elias "Skip" Ashooh	Manchester
Peter Capano	Manchester
Raymond Clement	Manchester
Dan O'Neil	Manchester
Mark Suennen	New Boston
Tom Clow	Weare
Ron Horrocks	MTA
Elizabeth Strachan	NH DES
Dean Williams	Central NH RPC
William Rose	NHDOT

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bill Jean, Alt.	Bedford
Richard Snow	Candia
Andrew Hadik	Chester
Frederick McGarry, Chair	Deerfield
John O'Connor	Derry
Henry C. Boyle	Goffstown
Barbara J. Griffin	Goffstown
Peter Griffin	Windham
Jen Czysz	Strafford RPC

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Ronald Poltak, Alt.	Auburn
David Danielson	Bedford
Robert Cote	Deerfield
Adam Burch	Derry
Cutler Brown	Hooksett
Martin Srugis	Londonderry
Peter Commerford, Alt.	Londonderry
Kevin McCue, Alt.	Manchester
Joe Constance	New Boston
Angela Drake	Weare
Carl Griffin	Windham
Mark Samsel	Windham
Steve Schneider	UVLS RPC
Jay Minkarah	Nashua RPC
Leigh Levine	Fed. Hwy Admin
Tim Roache	Rockingham Planning Cmsn
Tim Murphy	Southwest RPC

### STAFF PRESENT

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

### GUESTS PRESENT

Alexx Monastiero	HSEM
Stoney Worster	Manchester

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Moulton called the MPO meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

## **ACTION ON MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2019**

Motion by Mr. Herman to approve the minutes for August 27, 2019, seconded by Mr. Rugg.

Motion carried, with Messrs. O'Neil, Ashooh, Suennen, Capano, Clow and Ms. Kunhardt abstaining.

## **OLD BUSINESS** (none)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Statewide Bike/Ped Plan Update**

SNHPC Assistant Planner Madeleine DiLonno gave an overview of the statewide plan to improve bicycling and walking in New Hampshire. She noted that NHDOT has partnered with Alta Planning and Design for this project and has been working with an advisory committee.

The project has a number of specific goals, including trail network connectivity, design policy, equity, and safety as well as economic and health benefits. Each of the goals have associated action items.

The project is now in the public input phase, and tonight one of the meetings will be held at the Manchester Library, starting at 6:00pm.

Data from the meetings is beginning to come in. Ms. DiLonno stated that lack of interconnection and unsafe conditions in traffic are two top concerns. The project will determine which improvements will be the most helpful to address the top concerns.

In addition to the series of meetings, a "Meeting in a Box" is available for interested municipalities and groups.

Mr. O'Neil asked about Manchester's participation and connection to the Master Plan. Mr. Vayo responded, saying transportation-specific topics came up in the recent "On the Table" and Planapalooza meetings, especially incomplete sidewalks.

### **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Funding Solicitation**

NHDES Transportation Analyst Elizabeth Strachan reviewed the DERA funding process, which comes to New Hampshire via the Environmental Protection Agency.

She said the goal is to replace older diesel engines with newer models, thereby reducing emissions. Ms. Strachan also explained the DERA funding applies to on-road, off-road, marine and locomotive engines, and anyone can apply- municipalities, businesses or individuals.

Mr. Suennen inquired about the complexity of the application process. Ms. Strachan said she tries to keep the process as simple as possible, and NHDES completes and submits the actual reports to EPA. She reaches out every two years to find out mileage on the engine. If a recipient sells the DERA-funded engine, they must pay NHDES back. It was also noted that the old engine must be destroyed.

### **Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Update**

Carl Eppich, SNHPC Principal Transportation Planner spoke about the three CMAQ applications submitted in the SNHPC region. These include:

- **City of Manchester** - Intersection Improvements at South Willow Street/Weston Road.
- **Derryfield School** – Construction of a Roundabout Intersection at River Road, Bicentennial Drive, and the Derryfield School Access (Double D Drive) in Manchester.
- **New Hampshire Department of Transportation** – Implementation of Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) Left-Turn Signal Lights, Including Selected Intersections in the SNHPC Region.

There was discussion about the FYA signals, which have been implemented in some locations around the state in the last ten years. Seven signals in the SNHPC region have been identified as potential locations for FYA implementation.

In response to a question from Mr. Capano about funding, Mr. Eppich noted that the CMAQ program is 80% Federal and 20% Local funding. For statewide applications submitted by the NHDOT, the match on federal funding comes in the form of Toll Credits.

MPO members discussed the proposed Derryfield School Roundabout. Mr. Marshall expressed concern that the right turn will cause more accidents and that the Derryfield School has not advised the Town of Hooksett of their intention to implement the project.

Mr. O'Neil expressed concern about the City of Manchester's familiarity with the project. SNHPC Deputy Executive Director Nate Miller joined the discussion by phone, and advised that, with their application, the Derryfield School included a resolution of approval for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of River Road and

Bicentennial Drive. The resolution was approved by the Manchester Board of Mayor and Aldermen on 12/19/2017.

Mr. Miller noted that representatives of the Derryfield School also recently met with Manchester DPW staff to discuss maintenance responsibilities if the project is funded.

Mr. Miller also noted that the Derryfield School included a letter of support from the President of Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), and SNHU is also committing to fund half of the required match for the project. There were other letters of support, including from a Manchester policeman and abutting residents.

Mr. O'Neil suggested that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen be provided with an update. Ms. von Aulock agreed and advised that she would contact Derryfield School officials to coordinate this.

Mr. Eppich stated that NHDOT intends to fund all CMAQ applications in the state following an eligibility determination.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion by Mr. Capano to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Neil. Vice Chair Moulton declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.*

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

Nancy Moulton

For Sylvia von Aulock  
Executive Director

Linda Moore-O'Brien

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Office Administrator

Minutes approved on 10/22/19