

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

December 17, 2020

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission 438 Dubuque Street Manchester, New Hampshire

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning Linda Kunhardt – Francestown Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC Fred Roberge – Easterseals NH Lucy St. John – NHDOT George Sioras – Derry Dick Snow – Candia Mark Suennen – New Boston Bruce Thomas – Hooksett Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC Mike Weider – Chester Tim White – NHDES

SNHPC STAFF PRESENT

Maddie Dilonno, Associate Planner Monique Duchesne, Assistant Planner Carl Eppich, Principal Transportation Planner Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner Nate Miller, Deputy Executive Director Cam Prolman, Regional Planner Zach Swick, Senior GIS Analyst James Vayo, Project Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Leigh Levine – FHWA Dean Williams – CNHRPC

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Becky Hebert – Bedford Colleen Mailloux (Chair) – Londonderry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Clow – Weare
Todd Connors – Manchester DPW
Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown
Dick Gregory – Windham
Bill Herman – Auburn
Laurie Makarawicz – CART
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport
Tim Roache – RPC
Mike Whitten – MTA

. <u>Call to Order/Introductions</u>

Mr. George Sioras called the meeting of the SNHPC TAC to order at 9:34 AM.

2. <u>Action on Minutes of November 19, 2020</u>

Motion by Ms. Linda Kunhardt to approve November minutes, seconded by Mr. Mark Suennen. Minutes were approved unanimously with Mr. Fred Roberge abstaining.

3.1 SNHPC Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Mr. Carl Eppich reviewed the 14 comments from FHWA/FTA proposed for incorporation into the draft CMP document. Mr. Leigh Levine expressed appreciation at the work SNHPC have done to address the comments and requested a copy of the slides from Mr. Eppich.

Motion by Ms. Kunhardt to recommend adoption of the CMP to the MPO at its December 22, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Bruce Thomas and approved with Mr. Suennen dissenting.

3.2 Update on FY 2021-2045 SNHPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan

SNHPC staff members Carl Eppich, James Vayo, and Nate Miller gave a joint presentation on SNHPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update, noting that a draft MTP will be released on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 for a 30-day public comment period. After an introduction, the presentation reviewed:

- Goals and Objectives
- Existing Conditions
- Travel Demand Model
- Plan Evaluation
- Fiscal Constraint and Projects

In response to a question from Mr. Levine, Mr. Miller said that revenue assumptions mirrored those of the state through 2030, then assumed a 1% increase per year (highway) and 2% per year (transit) from 2031-2045. Project cost estimates for outer year projects used a 2.55% per year inflation factor to the year-of-expenditure.

In response to a question from Mr. Suennen, Mr. Vayo said that a litmus test was performed by SNHPC staff as an internal tool to translate the 47 goals from the previous MTP into a more manageable set for 2021.

Mr. Miller added that transportation-related Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) projects (i.e., the Manchester RiverWalk, etc.) were considered in the MTP. A proposed pedestrian bridge project, however, at a cost of \$14 million plus inflation, was not included due to fiscal constraint considerations. He added that individuals are welcome to comment on the selected projects during the public comment period.

In response to a question from Ms. Sylvia von Aulock, Mr. Miller said that the Capitol Corridor development phase is reflected in both the SNHPC and Nashua RPC metropolitan transportation plans.

4. Old Business

Mr. Vayo noted that the SNHPC is expecting NHDOT to release a new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding solicitation in January 2021.

Ms. von Aulock noted that there will be Virtual Volunteer Fairs in Bedford and Francestown, after the first one took place in Auburn. One of the goals of this project is to recruit more drivers to local Volunteer Driver Programs.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Suennen to adjourn, seconded by Ms. von Aulock. The meeting stood adjourned at 11:12 am.

Next meeting: January 21, 2021

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Southern NH Planning Commission for December 17, 2020.

Sylvia von Aulock Executive Director

Minutes Approved: January 21, 2021