

Central NH Regional Planning Commission

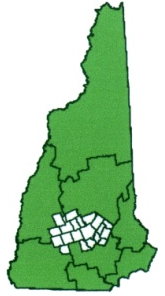
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Transportation Advisory Committee

June 5, 2015

Approved Minutes

Bow Municipal Building, Bow, 10 Grandview Road, Bow

9:00 A.M.

Attendees	
Barbara Annis, Town of Warner	Tim Blagden, BWANH
Larisa Djuvelele-Ruggiero, Mid-State RCC, CAPBMCI	Adam Hlasny, SNHPC
Ted Houston, Town of Boscawen	Jim Pritchard, Town of Pittsfield
Dean Hollis, Town of Boscawen	Rob Mack, City of Concord
Ted Mitchell, Town of Pittsfield	Richard Moore, Town of Chichester
Stan Prescott, Town of Loudon	Christine Trovato, Town of Henniker
Bill Watson, NHDOT	Harry Wright, CNHRPC Executive Committee

Commission Staff: Sam Durfee, Craig Tufts, Dean Williams,

The meeting began at 9:00 A.M., called to order by Chair, Barbara Annis.

Introductions

All TAC members and guests present introduced themselves.

Review Minutes of the February 6th, 2014 TAC Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2015 TAC meeting as written.

M/S/Passed

Ted Mitchell/Christine Trovato

NHDOT Update

Bill Watson (NHDOT) provided the TAC with an update. Mr. Watson began discussing the budgets that have been proposed by the House and Senate and how they could affect NHDOT's operations. NHDOT is comfortable with the Senate's budget as the budget does not force NHDOT to cut any staff; however, it still eliminates the state-aid bridge program funding. SB 367 (road toll) should maintain the current funding available to the state-aid bridge program for the next twenty years or until the I-93 expansion is

completed and paid for. As opposed the House's proposed budget which cuts the Department of Safety, the Senate's budget does not cut anything completely, but lowers funding for many programs.

NHDOT is to meet with the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) and will release a draft of the Ten Year Plan in August of 2015.

Mr. Watson noted that many Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects are falling behind and shared that NHDOT needs cooperation from communities to provide monthly progress reports, without which, SRTS projects may be stalled. On this note, Ted Mitchell asked if Pittsfield has been keeping up to date with their progress reports. Mr. Watson said he has not heard anything so that is generally a good sign.

Rob Mack inquired about the construction funding for the Loudon Rd. project in Concord. Mr. Watson replied that public perception of progress does not match that of NHDOT's staff and if the project is ready for construction in January 2016, funding will likely be there.

CNHRPC Special Projects

Concord Pedestrian Master Plan

Craig Tufts provided an update on the progress of the Concord Pedestrian Master Plan. BPTAC has been meeting regularly for discussion, CNHRPC staff has generated a number of maps and reports from collected count data. There have been two public meetings scheduled so far, the first will be in Penacook on the 20th of June and the second is scheduled for the 25th in downtown Concord. These meetings will address public concerns about infrastructure shortcomings, hot spots, and other areas of interest. The hope is to have a completed draft ready but late autumn, early winter.

Sutton RSMS & Culvert Inventory

Dean Williams shared an update on the work he and Sam Durfee have been doing with the Town of Sutton. The road surface survey has been completed and the Town is inputting the data, culverts have been inventoried and are in the process of being mapped. Mr. Williams noted that this project will be the last use of the Maine DOT RSMS software and beginning in July CNHRPC, along with the rest of the regional planning commissions, will begin using the newly developed UNH version.

BOW RSMS & Culvert Inventory Project Request

When CNHRPC begins work with the Town of Bow in July, the project will be completed with a program generated by UNH and T2 for the Statewide Assesed Data Exchange (SADEs) program. This program is more intensive as structural and environmental factors will be included. CNHRPC staff have been trained on the new culvert inventory process and will receive an IPAD in order to carry out the inventory. The IPAD will automatically send data to a statewide database.

Barbara Annis called for a motion to approve Bow's Special Project Request for the RSMS project.

M/S/Passed
Jim Pritchard/Dean Hollis

Mr. Mitchell asked if a town can request a pavement condition evaluation. Mr. Watson replied that the gas tax puts funding into state secondary roads and established a tiered system. Until more funding arrives, NHDOT must focus on higher tiered roads. However, towns have the opportunity to take roads and the associated maintenance back from NHDOT.

Regional Updates/Other Business

2016-2017 UPWP

- The new UPWP will be going to the Governor's council soon and remains similar to years past.

FY 2017-2026 TIP

- Everything has been submitted to Bill Watson and projects are undergoing NHDOT evaluation.

Regional Traffic Counting Program

- CNHRPC has begun traffic counting. Mr. Williams noted to the town representatives present to let him know if any towns have any additional special data requests.

CNHRPC Regional Transportation Model Input Development

- Mr. Williams and other CNHRPC staff members have been meeting with towns to gather local knowledge for population and employment data needed for the Regional Transportation Model.

Mid State Regional Coordinating Council

- Mr. Williams introduced Larisa Djuvelele-Ruggiero and explained she has replaced Terri Page. Mr. Williams explained the Mid State RCC has had difficulty obtaining the 20% match and is planning to apply for grants and is exploring other measures such as receiving donations from businesses, individual riders, and/or Towns serviced in order to come up with the match. Larisa confirmed that the Mid State RCC still needs roughly \$10,000 to meet the match.
- Mr. Williams explained that the Volunteer Driver Program (VPD) ridership has declined due to several factors. Ridership is holding steady at around 500 rides per month where the VDP had once provided in excess of 700 trips per month.

Next Meeting Date

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for August 7th, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in the Bow Town Hall.

Meeting Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

M/S/Passed
Ted Houston/Stam Prescott