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**Transportation Advisory Committee**

**August 7, 2015**

**Minutes**

Bow Municipal Building, Bow, 10 Grandview Road, Bow

9:00 A.M.

<b>Attendees</b>	
Barbara Annis, Town of Warner	Tim Blagden, BWANH
Larisa Djuvelek-Ruggiero, Mid-State RCC, CAPBMCI	Linda Dusenberry, NHDOT
Bob French, Town of Henniker	Ted Houston, Town of Boscawen
Dick Lemieux, City of Concord, TPAC	Don Lyford, NHDOT
Rob Mack, City of Concord	Gene McCarthy, McFarland Johnson
Ted Mitchell, Town of Pittsfield	Richard Moore, Town of Chichester
Sean Osgood, Town of Henniker	Stan Prescott, Town of Loudon
Jim Pritchard, Town of Pittsfield	Heather Shank, City of Concord
Christine Trovato, Town of Henniker	Tim White, SNHPC
Harry Wright, Town of Bradford	

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

The meeting began at 9:01 A.M., called to order by Chair, Barbara Annis.

**Introductions**

All TAC members and guests present introduced themselves.

**Review Minutes of the June 5th, 2015 TAC Meeting**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 5th, 2015 TAC meeting as written.

*M/S/Passed Jim Pritchard/Barbara Annis*

### **I-93 Bow Concord**

Gene McCarthy of McFarland Johnson provided an update as the work McFarland Johnson, CNHRPC, and other partners have been doing as part of the I-93 project. The scope of the project involves I-93 from I-89 to I-393 including seven interchanges. The project formally began twelve years ago and by 2008, the traffic survey had been completed. This gave way to the realization that I-93 would greatly benefit from widening between I-89 and I-393. The bridges at Exit 14 and over I-89 were rehabilitated and an additional bridge at Exit 12 is currently being constructed and will be able to accommodate widening.

Mr. McCarthy explained that the project is in Phase 2, which includes preliminary engineering. Specific alternatives are in conceptual stages, the environmental document is underway and Mr. McCarthy discussed the "Pinch Point", a challenging area next to the Merrimack in close proximity to sensitive floodplain and wetland areas. Public outreach is an additional key facet and CNHRPC will facilitate in generating preferred alternatives based off public outreach. Mr. McCarthy also mentioned that there is no funding in the 10 year plan to construct the I-93 Improvements.

RSG, a consulting company working on the project has been developing a transportation model based on large amount of historic and current data as well as 2035 projections. They have calibrated the model and some CNHRPC staff members will be trained on the use of the model in the coming weeks.

Tim Blagden of the Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire asked if bicycles were factored into the model as well. Mr. McCarthy responded that the model is grounded in automotive travel and is origin-destination based.

### **NHDOT Update**

Linda Dusenberry began the update with stating the 10 year plan kicked off on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The official project list will be published on August 26<sup>th</sup>. In regards to the Central NH Region, a Bradford project has been advanced and a Loudon project (Clough-Shaw) has been replaced. GACIT will meet on September 24<sup>th</sup> in Concord.

### **Regional Updates/Other Business**

Dean Williams shared that the traffic counts are about 60-70% finished and he asked towns to submit additional count requests if they had any.

#### Mid-state RCC/VDP Update

- Updating Regional ride share directory
- Currently inventorying RCC members.
- VDP is looking for drivers. The driver numbers are down from 54 to 48. There is a demand for drivers and there are over 550 customers.

- Still looking for money for the match. Without the match, the VDP shuts down. The RCC plans to ask frequently serviced business for donations.

Rob Mack mentioned he got a call from NHDOT and they are starting to look at intersection design safety for the Loudon Rd. project.

### **Special Projects**

- Concord Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Craig Tufts provided an update on the plans progress. The first public meeting took place in Penacook. Three things that were the focus of the participants were safety, ease of access and pleasantness of walking surroundings. The second public meeting will take place on Main St. A walking document will be put together. A draft will be ready by December and will be up for approval in January.
- Bow RSMS
  - CNHRPC staff to be trained by the State in late August.
  - This RSMS program is more detailed than the traditional RSMS
  - CNHRPC is trying to get additional funding from FEMA for the work due to the environmental nature of the project.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for October 2nd, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in the Bow Town Hall.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.