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Transportation Advisory Committee

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Minutes

Bow Municipal Building, Bow, 10 Grandview Road, Bow

9:00 A.M.

Attendees	
Sam Durfee, City of Concord	Betsy Bosiak, Town of Epsom
Rob Mack, City of Concord	David White, Town of Hopkinton
Tim Blagden, Town of Warner	Ted Houston, Town of Boscawen
Williams Rose, NHDOT	Harrold Wright, Bradford
Richard Moore, Chichester	Carolyn Cronin, Pembroke
Bob Cole, Loudon	David Rauseo, Concord/Penacook

Commission Staff: Mike Tardiff, Dean Williams, Craig Tufts, Steve Henninger

The meeting began at 9:02 AM, called to order by Vice Chair, Bob Cole.

Introductions

All TAC members and guests present introduced themselves.

Review and Approve Minutes of the September 7th, 2018 TAC Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 7th, 2018 TAC meeting with a correction to the attendees list.

M/S/Passed Unanimously David White/Betsy Bosiak

TAC Chairperson Nomination

Dean Williams noted that over the last two months, CNHRC has been accepting nominations for a TAC Chair. One nomination was received for Betsy Bosiak. After a short discussion, a motion was made to elect Betsy Bosiak as the CNHRC TAC Chair.

M/S/Passed Unanimously David White/Harry Wright

Transportation Alternatives Program

Dean Williams reviewed the 2018 Transportation Alternatives Program grant round schedule noting that the TAC would need to provide a priority list of the region's TAP applications by November 9th to NHDOT. Dean then reviewed the 3 project applications that were submitted in the CNHRPC region. He added that the scoring committee had met the previous week where they reviewed and scored the Boscawen Rail Trail Project, the Bradford West Main St. Sidewalk Project and the Henniker Sidewalk Project. The committee was able to come to agreement for almost all of the criteria. He added that the committee had difficulty with the safety criteria and how to score a rail trail project against sidewalk projects. Tim Blagden informed the TAC that he had double checked with Pan Am Railways to ensure the cost estimate for the railroad right of way was accurate and defendable. Pan Am confirmed with him that the estimate was reasonable at this time.

The final scores and rankings were presented as:

1. Bradford – (71.91)
2. Boscawen – (69.64)
3. Henniker – (59.96)

A motion was made that the TAC endorse the TAP application rankings as stated.

M/S/Passed Unanimously Harry Wright/Bob Cole

Long Range Plan Update

Dean Williams introduced the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) with some background on what has been done so far. Maps were reviewed which displayed the 12 regional corridors and associated traffic sheds. He added that the project solicitation process for the CNHRPC Long Range Plan would happen concurrently with the State's Ten year Plan (TYP). Solicitation letters for projects will be going out in October and CNHRPC staff will be looking to meet with local boards or municipal staff to discuss regional transportation projects.

William Rose provided supplementary information to the TAC regarding NHDOT's schedule for the TYP. NHDOT is asking RPCs to submit a short list of TYP projects that is confined by the regional funding allocation that NHDOT has provided as a guide for each region. The funding allocation is based on federal aid eligible highways and population. For projects that do not have defendable cost estimates, NHDOT is providing staff to complete concept plan estimates for projects. Those project proposals are due in December. CNHRPC has an on-call engineer who is prepared to complete conceptual plan estimates for projects in our region. This will allow CNHRPC to submit their preliminary list of projects in January.

William noted that the next big project upcoming in the TYP that would be using a substantial amount of federal aid dollars would be the northern part of the I-93 Bow-Concord project. He noted that there is a possibility the State's Legislature consider having the Turnpike System purchase the northern part of the I-93 Bow-Concord project to free up additional federal dollars for other big projects throughout the state. He added that any projects too big to be completed with the regional allocations should still be discussed with NHDOT during the TYP process.

A question relating to the eligibility of projects was asked, specifically Park and Ride projects or Rail Trail projects. William responded that NHDOT is going a slightly different direction this TYP cycle. Any projects that

were deemed regionally significant and a priority to the region would be considered for inclusion in the TYP. CNHRPC TAC will take a selection of project proposals from the LRTP/TYP project solicitation process and score them using the universal criteria and regional weights to determine which projects should be submitted for inclusion in the TYP. A question was asked whether CNHRPC will review projects in surrounding regions as part of the LRTP and TYP process. Dean responded that CNHRPC does look at projects in surrounding communities and will make sure that they line up with projects in the CNHRPC LRTP.

Regional Updates

- Dean Williams informed the TAC on the status of the Mid State RCC Coordinated Plan update. Most of the needs analyses and existing service sections of the plan have been completed. The RCC is still working on getting feedback from people who have difficulties accessing transportation through a public survey that is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MidStateRCC. He then explained that the Goals and Implementation Strategies sections are being worked on. This is a very important part of the plan because if a project is not in this section it is not eligible to be funded through 5310 funding. The Mid State RCC will be looking for feedback on the draft goals over the next few months.
- Mike Tardiff informed the TAC that, after the success of the West Central Trails Plan, CNHRPC would be preparing a Suncook Valley Trails plan. The plan would be based on the old rail corridors looking at segments that could be easily turned into trail and how to connect the segments through Pembroke, Allenstown, Epsom, Chichester and Pittsfield.

Next Meeting Date

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for November 2, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Bow Town Hall.

Any Other Business

Dean Williams provided the TAC with a reminder that the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant round was open and that there would be a free, statewide Complete Streets Conference on October 19th.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.