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**Transportation Advisory Committee**

**March 1, 2019**

**Minutes**

Bow Municipal Building, Bow, 10 Grandview Road, Bow

9:00 A.M.

<b>Attendees</b>	
Monique Duchesne, SNHPC	Betsy Bosiak, Town of Epsom
Rob Mack, City of Concord	Bob Cole, Town of Loudon
Donna White, Dunbarton	Sam Durfee, Concord
Lucy St. John, NHDOT	Harry Wright, Town of Bradford
Richard Moore, Town of Chichester	Carolyn Cronin, Town of Pembroke
Deandre Perruccio, Central NH Bicycle Coalition	

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

The meeting began at 9:06AM, called to order by Chair, Betsy Bosiak.

**Introductions**

All TAC members and guests present introduced themselves.

**Review and Approve Minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 TAC Meeting**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 TAC meeting after minor edits.

*M/S/Passed Unanimously Harry Wright/Rob Mack*

**NHDOT Ten Year Plan Update**

Lucy St. John provided the TAC with a brief update noting that FHWA has approved the NHDOT Freight Plan, The Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is underway, and the draft 2021-2039 Ten Year Plan (TYP) is in progress. Dean added that CNHRPC staff will be meeting with NHDOT on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the region's list of potential TYP projects. NHDOT will provide feedback and comments on project scopes and cost estimates. Following that meeting, Dean offered to the TAC to have a subcommittee score the projects against the universal criteria. Richard Moore, Rob Mack and Harry Wright offered to participate in the project scoring subcommittee. Dean added that he would e-mail all TAC members and offer all members the option to

participate on the subcommittee. He anticipates the subcommittee meeting shortly after CNHRPC's staff meeting with NHDOT. The subcommittee will present their work to the TAC on April 5<sup>th</sup> and ask the TAC to recommend a final project priority list to the Full Commission which will meet on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Commute Smart NH**

Mike Tardiff explained the history of CommuteSmart NH, formerly CommuteGreen NH to the TAC. He noted that CNHRPC has taken the lead role in administering the Statewide CommuteSmart effort which is funded by a Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) grant. In addition to the CTAP funding, the Office of Strategic Initiatives is also providing funding support. Katie Nelson provided an overview of what CommuteSmart NH has achieved over the past couple of months. The group has been meeting regularly and participation across the state has included all 9 of the state's RPCs, Vital Communities, CommuteSMARTseacoast, and Manchester Transit Authority. Two subcommittees have been formed, including a performance measures subcommittee and an event subcommittee, with a website subcommittee anticipated in the near future. CommuteSmart NH is currently planning a June event focused on employers to reduce single occupancy vehicles. Katie also informed the TAC that the State's ride matching software has recently been updated and is much improved over the previous version.

### **Regional Updates**

- Dean Williams informed the TAC on the status of the Mid State RCC Coordinated Plan update. The RCC has been getting a significant amount of responses to the public survey that is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MidStateRCC](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MidStateRCC). There is also a public meeting scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Lakes Region and the survey will close after that meeting. CNHRPC plans to complete the draft plan in March and provide the TAC with more details at the April meeting.
- Craig Tufts provided an update on the West Central Trails Plan. There have been ongoing discussions in the Town of Henniker on what the future of trails will look like and CNHRPC is working to make sure that input is reflected in the plan.

Craig Tufts also updated the TAC on the Suncook Valley Rail Trail Plan. He noted that there is significant interest and a public meeting held in January drew a lot of participation. He noted that there are several sections of the abandoned rail corridor that have been identified as likely possibilities for development of formalized rail trails.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for April 5, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at the Bow Town Hall.

### **Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan**

Phil Goff from Alta Planning + Design's Cambridge office introduced himself, noting that Resource Systems Group (RSG) from White River Junction VT and Economic Development Research Group are all partnering in the development of the NHDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Phil reviewed the scope of work with the TAC noting that the public can provide feedback on the plan's website: ([www.nhpedbikeplan.com](http://www.nhpedbikeplan.com)) as well as at the several public meetings that are planned. After reviewing the project tasks, Phil reviewed the projects Vision, Goals and Objectives. Dean Williams provided feedback on the objectives noting that an emphasis on

multimodal connections should be considered. Mike Tardiff added he would like to see a reference to CommuteSmart NH in the objectives to Goal 7 which outlines the Public Health benefits from walking and bicycling.

Phil presented maps that had been produced for the Central NH Region. He explained that a level of stress analysis will be done on state roads using a method developed by Plymouth State University. He also presented a Gap Analysis Map that utilized railroad corridors and other infrastructure to help determine what gaps exist between destinations. Phil explained that this map would need some re-working due to the fact that some of the rail corridors identified are unlikely to be developed into trails. TAC members then provided input to Phil regarding their own knowledge and experience walking and cycling in the region.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 10:40 A.M.