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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	
Cam Prolman, SNHPC	Betsy Bosiak, Town of Epsom
Rob Mack, City of Concord	David White, Town of Hopkinton
Donna White, Dunbarton	Sam Durfee, Concord
Lucy St. John, NHDOT	Harry Wright, Town of Bradford
Richard Moore, Town of Chichester	Tim Blagden, Warner

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

The meeting began at 9:02 AM, called to order by Chair, Betsy Bosiak.

Introductions

All TAC members and guests present introduced themselves.

Review and Approve Minutes of the November 2nd, 2018 TAC Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 2nd, 2018 TAC meeting after a minor correction.

M/S/Passed Unanimously David White/Harry Wright

NHDOT Ten Year Plan Update

Dean Williams reviewed the NHDOT 2021-2030 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TYP) update schedule, noting that project proposal forms for potential new TYP projects were due to NHDOT today. Mike Tardiff added that this process had begun much earlier than previous year. NHDOT and RPCs are looking to get the process started sooner this year with more time for NHDOT to review projects and cost estimates.

Dean continued to review a variety of projects that had previously gone through the TAC TYP update process and were included in the current 2019-2028 TYP. This included the following list:

- **Boscawen** US 3/4 King Street Improvements

- **Bow** NH 3A Improvements
- **Concord** I-89 Exit 2 roundabouts
- **Chichester** NH 28 and Main Street Intersection Improvements
- **Chichester** US 4 and King Road study
- **Henniker Hopkinton** US 202/NH 9 and Old Concord Road intersection improvements
- **Loudon** NH 106 and S. Village Road

It was noted that there was still support for all of the projects including a request from Loudon to construct the South Village Road and 106 intersection sooner than currently scheduled in the TYP. In addition, there was a discussion about the improvements at US 202/NH 9 and Old Concord Road relating to the roundabout alternative and the fact that there was not enough funding in the TYP to complete the project. Dean added that NHDOT was revising the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) policy so that projects in the TYP could potentially be funded with HSIP funding. CNHRPC will work with NHDOT to identify potential HSIP projects.

He then introduced the 6 project proposals that were submitted for consideration in the 2019-2030 TYP update:

Town/City	Project Name	Engineering	Right of Way	Construction	Total
Concord	Manchester Street Improvements	\$50,000	\$500,000	\$4,280,000	\$4,830,000
Concord	Merrimack River Greenway Trail		\$950,000		\$950,000
Concord	US 4 and Whitney Road				\$2,250,000
Dunbarton	NH 13 & NH 77 - Pages Corner	\$224,628	\$5,000	\$701,960	\$931,588
Hopkinton	US 202 and I-89 Exit 4 Interchange	\$447,282	\$5,000	\$1,863,675	\$2,315,957
Salisbury	US 4 & NH 127 - Crossroads	\$277,886	\$5,000	\$1,157,860	\$1,440,746

After reviewing the project details, Dean informed the TAC that CNHRPC staff had completed a first cut at evaluating the projects using the universal criteria. He reviewed each criterion and explained the scoring process. It was noted that the evaluation was just preliminary, and a formal evaluation and priority list would be developed later in the Spring. At that time CNHRPC hopes to have updated crash data and pavement condition data.

A motion was made to submit the 6 projects to NHDOT for further review and consideration for the NHDOT FY 2021-2030 Ten Year Plan.

M/S/Passed Unanimously Tim Blagden/Dave White

Commute Smart NH

Mike Tardiff explained the history of CommuteSmart, formerly Commute Green to the TAC. He noted that recently approved Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) funding will help support CommuteSmart activities across the state. In addition to the CTAP funding the Office of Strategic Initiatives will also provide funding support. Commute Smart is a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) effort to reduce single occupancy vehicles. CommuteSmart will be promoting alternative forms of commuting to work such as telecommuting, using public transit, carpooling, bicycling and walking. There will also be a challenge in May

with prizes for people and businesses who save the most. CNHRPC will also be looking for any businesses in the area that would like to explore options to encourage employees to participate. Katie Nelson is the lead CNHRPC staff person to contact for more information (knelson@cnhrpc.org).

Regional Updates

- Dean Williams informed the TAC on the status of the Mid State RCC Coordinated Plan update. 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. There is also a public meeting scheduled for January 29th at the Fuller Library in Hillsborough to gain feedback on the plan so far. The CNHRPC TAC will review the plan's draft set of goals at the next TAC meeting.
- Craig Tufts noted that the West Central Trails Plan is still being reviewed by the Town of Henniker. There have been ongoing discussions in the town on what the future of trails will look like and CNHRPC would like the West Central Trails plan to reflect that.

Craig Tufts also informed the TAC of a new plan under development concerning the rail lines to the east of Concord referred to as the Suncook Valley Rail Trail Plan. This includes the abandoned rail corridor south of Concord through Pembroke and the spur through Allenstown, Epsom, Chichester and Pittsfield known as the Blueberry Express rail line. Craig is still looking for interested citizens to assist with the plan development. The Suncook Valley Trails Plan has a kickoff meeting scheduled for January 16 at 6pm in the Epsom Town Library.

Next Meeting Date

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for March 1, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at the Bow Town Hall.

Meeting Adjournment

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

M/S/Passed Unanimously Harry Wright/Tim Blagden