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**Transportation Advisory Committee
Bow Town Office Meeting Room C 10 Grandview Rd**

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Meeting Summary

9:00 A.M.

Attendees	
	Richard Moore, Chichester
Betsy Bosiak, Town of Epsom (chair)	Alec Bass, Concord
Carolyn Cronin, Town of Pembroke	Donna White, Town of Dunbarton (virtual)
Karri Makinen, Town of Bow	Robin Payson, Town of Hillsboro (virtual)
Harry Wright, Town of Bradford	David Tilton, SNHPC (virtual)
David White, Town of Hopkinton	William Rose, NHDOT (virtual)
Emilio Cancio-Bello, Town of Sutton	Steve Henninger, CNHRPC
Tim Blagden, Town of Warner	Bill Lambert, NHDOT
Cindy Yanski, CAP-BM/RCC Region 3	Mark Munroe, NHDOT
Diane Kendall, Town of Henniker	Jack Wade, NHDES (virtual)

Commission Staff: Craig Tufts, Vincent Pagano, Steve Henninger, Riley Stafford (virtual)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting began at 9:08 AM, called to order by Chair, Betsy Bosiak. All TAC members and guests present, both in person and virtually, introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approve the June 9, 2024 TAC Meeting Minutes.

The January minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Bill Lambert and NHDOT Highway Safety/Active Transportation Section

Craig Tufts introduced Bill Lambert, noting that he is leading a fresh new team at the NHDOT Safety and Active Transportation Section. Craig has been working with Bill and others on his team on a number of safety initiatives in the region, particularly all-way stops. Craig is looking forward to working with the team more in the future.

Bill began by stating that the Highway Safety and Active Transportation section has been reorganized and rebuilt to better meet the needs. He explained that they are now nearly fully staffed, and that the section as a

project track, which advances highway safety projects, and a planning tract, which includes planning activities, outreach, and data analysis. Bill also explained some safety projects in the CNHRPC region, including various Ten Year Plan projects. Bill also noted several Road Safety Audits that had been conducted in the CNHRPC region in the past, and overviewed their purpose and intent.

Mark Munroe contributed to the presentation and shared the section's website and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) page. Mark also reviewed some of the plans and programs they are involved in, including the NH Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Driving Towards Zero, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and Vulnerable Road User Assessment. A brief review of trends in non-motorist crashes showed a gradual decline in crashes from 2017 to 2022, but a recent uptick in fatalities and serious injuries.

Bill closed by sharing some of the work they are doing with all-way stop conversions at rural intersections, noting several locations in the CNHRPC region (Dunbarton, Chichester, Concord, Hopkinton, and others) that have converted or are considering converting to an all-way stop configuration to improve safety.

Bill and Mark answered several questions from TAC members regarding all-way stop conversions, bicycle and driver education, as well as data collection and data needs.

4. Ten Year Plan Project Solicitations

Craig reported that in the past month he has been reaching out to each town in the region soliciting potential new projects to be added to the Ten Year Plan (TYP), and seeking confirmation of support for projects already in the TYP. He sent emails to every town, and followed up personally with each.

Craig noted that one of the possible project proposals could be a corridor study of Route 4 in Epsom and Chichester. There was discussion on the various issues and needs along the corridor in both towns.

5. NHDOT Ten Year Plan Scoring Criteria and Weights

Craig shared a document showing the scoring criteria used to evaluate the Ten Year Plan project proposals. These criteria were recently updated by a team of RPC and NHDOT staff. The changes are relatively small adjustments and improvements. Craig briefly read over each of the categories and subcategories and how they contribute to project scoring.

Craig noted that every RPC uses these scoring criteria, but that each RPC is able to weigh each category as they would like. Craig shared an spreadsheet table showing the criteria weights the TAC has used for the last two rounds, and opened the group for discussion on whether they should be reviewed in depth or updated. Dave White noted he had participated in the scoring last round, and found that the weights were fair and resulted in a project ranking that reflects the region's priorities. Others on the TAC agreed. After discussion, it was agreed the TAC would not change the weights, using same weights it had used in the previous two TYP cycles.

7. Next Meetings

September 20 was selected as the next meeting date.

8. Other Business

Vincent and Craig reported they had worked with NH DES on filling out EV Charging location worksheets and submitting them to NHDES to include in a grant application new chargers. The list is intended to be an inventory of potential locations if the grant is successful, with some worksheets providing detailed information while others being at an earlier stage and are less ready.

Craig and Vincent reported on a temporary demonstration crosswalk that is currently set up across Main St in downtown Henniker. It is part of a larger study of the Main Street area. There is a survey out for people to share their opinions and experience with the crosswalk. Diane Kendall shared some more information about the project's status, history, and next steps. Craig will report on results and share pictures at a future TAC meeting.

Vincent reported this would be his last TAC meeting, as he is leaving CNHRPC to move to Atlanta. He shared he is committed to completing his projects before moving on, and expressed he has had a positive experience working with the TAC and at CNHRPC.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM