



# Locally Coordinated Meeting Minutes

11-14-06

## Attendees:

Lori Lorman, NTS  
Bob Jeniski, NTS  
Pat Schoch, Service Link  
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare  
Ellen Groh, Granite State Organizing Proj.  
Mary Beth Smaha, Area Agency  
Terry Crotty, GSIL  
Camille Pattison, NRPC  
Tim Roache, NRPC  
Matt Waitkins, NRPC  
Karen Baker, NRPC

Mark Sousa, City of Nashua  
Lance Forrester, Care Ride  
Sheila O'Riordan, City of Nashua  
Ruth Haden, Granite State Organizing Proj.  
Suzanne Keller, So. NH Medical Center  
Bridgett Belton-Jette, Neighborhood  
Housing Services of Greater Nashua  
Meghan Brady, St. Joseph's Comm. Serv.  
Pat Murphy, Town of Merrimack Welfare

The meeting began at 12:05.

Camille Pattison passed around the sign in sheet and opened the meeting with introductions. She informed the group that the Transportation Technical Advisory Group (TTAC) would review the LCTP and a vote would be necessary to recommend approval of the plan to the Commission for their December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tim briefly explained the process, federal requirements as an MPO, and the need for the LCTP to be in place in order to get federal funding (JARC, New Freedoms, and 5310 Elderly and Disabled).

Camille let the group know that this was the final meeting for the LCTP and asked if there were any questions. Sheila O'Riordan questioned this being the final meeting since the RCC has yet to be established. Camille explained that the plans were the products of two separate planning processes, that but should ideally coordinate.

Camille briefly went through the LCTP and information provided in the plan generated from Survey #1 and #2. In addition, she reviewed the regional and town profile section, tables and corresponding maps, the community analysis summary, action plans, short-term and long-term transportation needs, and recommendations to improve the existing transportation system. She recognized the 2003 Regional Transit Plan as a source for some of the information provided in the plan.

A member suggested covering areas not covered by NTS (transportation back and forth to site). Camille added that some areas of the plans were general and that more information could be added as needed. Comments on the plan will be accepted through December 1<sup>st</sup>.

In response to a question on whether Care Plus was the same as Care Ride; it was identified that they were two different entities providing non-emergency transportation services. In addition, there is also Caregivers, providing transportation for the greater Nashua/Manchester area.

Sheila suggested that in addition to the list of key players already identified in the plan and as an ongoing task, that a more comprehensive list be created. Megan Brady suggested that descriptions of services and what is paid for from disability funds also be included. Terry Crotty suggested looking further into non-emergency transportation services (ex. Rockingham/Caregivers). The group suggested calling the list, once completed, the Transportation Resource Guide, and that available to others by posting it on the website for distribution.

Ruth Haden mentioned looking into upcoming legislative changes. Camille responded that some of that information is provided in the LCTP. Camille asked for feelings or input on the report. Mark Sousa asked if it was a final document and if it could be an evolving document. Camille responded that she could add a few sentences stating that the plan would be “updated as needed in the future” and that it was a work in progress. Representatives from the City of Nashua said they had no further comments.

Camille set up December 1<sup>st</sup>, as the deadline for comments. She asked the group as a whole how they felt about the plan and asked for a motion to recommend the LCTP to the Commission on the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mark Sousa felt it was a solid plan and made the motion with the condition that additional comments be incorporated into the plan. Bob Jeniski seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. A final hard copy would be distributed to the group once comments were incorporated around December 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

Camille explained, with the help of Terry Crotty, the “Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services” handout. This committee could be used as a starting point for an RCC. Suggestions included having representatives from state and local government as well as public transit users.

Sheila added that nothing would be lost if regions went ahead and developed RCC’s. Nashua’s goal is to be ready once the state infrastructure is established and to have the project in the pipeline to submit for funding. She added that the state is considering staggering the funding by identifying 3 RTC’s at first, and if successful adding 3 each year after.

Terry spoke saying that as long as nothing is contrary to what is supposed to be done, he felt it was ok to start the process for an established RCC group. Camille added that she would finalize the plan first and possibly start something after Christmas. She would also work with Tim on setting up a date for a mid to late January meeting and asked the group to watch for something in the mail. She thanked everyone for coming.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:28pm**