



MINUTES - 02/15/06
NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
APPROVED

Members Present: Camille Pattison, NRPC Senior Transportation Planner
Steve Laurin, Town of Merrimack
Glenn Davison, NHDOT
Becky Ohler, NHDES
Amy Prouty Gill, City of Nashua DPW
Steve Dookran, City of Nashua DPW
Jean Marie Kennamer - City of Nashua Traffic Department
Jeff Gowan, Town of Pelham Planning Director
Bill Parker, Town of Milford Planning Director
Bob Jeniski, Nashua Transit System, General Manager
Roger Houston, City of Nashua Community Development

Others Present: Ryan Friedman, NRPC Transportation Planner, GIS
Matt Waitkins, NRPC Transportation Planner
Tali Kritzer, NRPC Brookline/Hollis Circuit Rider
Steve Wagner, NRPC Litchfield/Wilton Circuit Rider
Bernie Yacobucci, NRPC Transportation Planner
Karen Baker, NRPC Administrative Assistant
Steve Schaffer, NRPC GIS Manager

Meeting Opened and Review of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Camille Pattison at 12:08 PM. Members introduced themselves and were again introduced to Karen Baker, new minute taker for TTAC meetings. Camille started by reviewing the minutes from the November 29, 2005 meeting. There was 1 change for 11/29/05 from Becky Ohler regarding a statement she had made at that meeting. 3rd paragraph, change as follows:

Delete "in air quality conformity"

Replace with "in need to demonstrate conformity under Federal Highway Standards"

Roger Houston made a motion to accept the 11/29/06 minutes with the change and Becky Ohler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

There was also one question in the 12/14/06 minutes. It was questioned whether Mike Fitzgerald with NHDES was at the meeting. The answer was "No". Bob Jeniski made the motion to accept the minutes and Bill Parker seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Explanation of Handouts

Camille Pattison went over the handouts pointing out the difference in the numbers from Table 1 of the TIP (Page 18) explaining the new amount, amount used, and amount left to spend. She also pointed out that \$45,000 was taken out in 2005. There were no questions and Roger made a motion to accept the explanation of differences in numbers and Bob Jeniski seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion as passed.

Next Camille went over the information in the black bottom box portion of the TIP (Page 21) of the handout. She also informed members that there was a legal add that was running public comments would be accepted through March 10th. Final approval would not be until the end of May beginning of June.

Camille questioned whether the members had reached a final consensus on whether or not money was being taken away from the region even though it is a DOT project. A member spoke up saying that it takes away 2 million for the current funds and questioned whether there was enough money to cover all projects. Another member said that this project was being taken out the current funding and would not affect the commuter rail project. Becky Ohler questioned if the intent of the bus service was to stop after 3 years. Matt Waitkins



explained that it would be a good compliment to the rail. Camille asked if there were any further questions and there were none.

Becky Ohler felt the project would be a beneficial project for the city. Jeff Gowan made a motion to approve to recommend it to the commission and Bill Parker seconded the motion. Pending the end of the public comment period and that there are no negative comments and the air quality stipulation, all were in favor and none were opposed.

TE & CMAQ Update

Met with applicants and went over their presentations. On March 6th nine applicants will present their TE projects to the TE committee.

Three CMAQ projects will be presented at the meeting on March 17.

Presentations

Ryan Friedman did a presentation on Historic Traffic Data for the region looking at growth trends over the last 50 years. Using 81 to 85 HPMS locations and 9 ATR locations, Ryan determined the percentage of increase in traffic from 1950 to 2005

Ryan also presented a map showing the development of roads and the differences in growth from 1902 to 1950 to 2005. Ryan concluded his presentation and informed members that this was part of what NRPC is doing in regards to the Regional Plan Development.

Next Bernie Yacobucci presented information on the Access Management Plan for the NH 13 Corridor. He pointed out the differences with poster board displays of the problems with and without access management principles in place. One major conflict always present was with left hand turns. Roads with left hand turning lanes are much safer and efficient than those towns without. Camille added that additional maps would be developed and presented at the meeting.

Steve Wagner brought up a road in the Town of Brookline that was widened, but still not enough.

Steve Dookran asked what the source of the principles was. Bernie responded with "Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Iowa Transportation Research Board."

Matt Waitkins spoke next by first informing the group of the upcoming Milford Trails Conference being held on Sunday, February 26th from 1-6. He pointed out that this would help bring awareness to local and regional trails. He shared that NRPC gets lots of requests for recreation trails and is currently pulling together a database of trails to develop a more up-to-date accurate trails inventory map. He also pointed out the usefulness of this conference in helping to identify trails that some may have not known existed. A copy of the Bike and Pedestrian Plan will be brought to the conference.

Matt also informed the group of the NH Bike and Walk to Work week coming up the 3rd week of May and NRPC's involvement in the program. He pointed out that DOT has participated for 5 years as part of a national initiative. He informed the group of the benefits and some of the ideas for the program.

1. Provide information and resources to get or encourage larger employers who might want to participate
2. The thought was to do something like a 5K for people who work downtown, coordinate it to start at Nashua City Hall (would have to check with them first), and have food and raffles with prizes.
3. A way to increase awareness on walking and biking.



Matt informed the group he would be going back to DOT for additional information. He concluded by telling the group that if any interest or ideas to please call him.

Becky Ohler passed out the latest dashboard stickers in relation to a 2000 vintage CMAQ project. The stickers and signs were paid for out of CMAQ funds. The sticker read as follows "No Idling, Please Turn Engine Off - Reduce Pollution and Save Money". She informed the group of the availability of the following:

- 12 X 18 signs and bigger;
- 30 X 36 sign with a different design; and
- Small dashboard sticker.

Camille asked the group if there were any new announcements, comments or questions. There were none and the meeting ended.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 15th, 2006 at 12 noon.

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