



**MINUTES**  
**NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**05/21/08**  
**APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Ansel Sanborn, NH Department of Transportation  
Leigh Levine, FHWA  
Roger Houston, City of Nashua  
Steve Laurin, Town of Merrimack  
Bill Parker, Town of Milford  
Jean Marie Kennamer, City of Nashua  
Joe Mendola, City of Nashua  
Sean Sullivan, Town of Hudson  
John Cashell, Town of Hudson

**Others Present:** Tim Roache, NRPC Principal Transportation Planner  
Steve Williams, NRPC Executive Director  
Ryan Friedman, NRPC GIS Planner  
Steve Wagner, NRPC Regional Planner  
Karen M. Baker, Administrative Assistant

**MEETING OPENED AND REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Tim Roache opened the meeting at 12:09. He started with approval of the minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup> TTAC meeting and asked for a motion to approve. Steve Laurin moved to approve the minutes seconded by Roger Houston. There were no comments and all were in favor and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**FY 2008-2009 UPWP AMENDMENT**

Tim informed the group of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission’s intent to amend the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This is to account for Federal Transit Administration 5307 planning funds for the Nashua Transit System (NTS) that are not provided for under the existing general transit planning work element in the approved UPWP. The metropolitan transportation planning regulations require all planning activities performed with federal transportation funds be documented in the UPWP. NTS uses FTA 5307 funds to conduct planning activities to support fixed route and demand response services throughout the region. This amendment will be added to the current approved UPWP and will not impact the Nashua Regional Planning Commission budget.

Tim asked for a motion from the group for recommendation to the Executive Committee who will do the final approval. Motion came from Sean Sullivan, seconded by Bill Parker.

**NH DOT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION**

Tim moved onto the agenda item #3 explaining that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation would be using the regional planning commissions TTAC meetings as a forum to present their Draft Long Range Transportation Plan. The Plan focuses on the role that transportation will play in preserving New Hampshire’s unique character and quality of life, protecting and enhancing the environment, and promoting economic development and land use. Public comment period runs through the end of May. He proceeded to ask for introductions around the table since he had neglected to do them in the beginning of the meeting. After introductions he handed the floor over to Ansel Sanborn to explain in further detail to the group the NH DOT’s Draft Long Range Transportation presentation. Some of the key points from Ansel’s presentation are listed below:



- NH DOT has been working on the LRTP for the last 4 years.
- Purpose of the plan is to outline the broad direction the plan will be taking for the next 2 decades.
- NH DOT talked to many groups (Easter Seals, Traffic Dept's, etc) when generating the first section of the report as well as a listening session at the City of Nashua to find out what some of the issues were.
- 8 core issues were identified one being integrating transportation and land use. Financing was also another one of the big issues.
- Looked at demographics, trends, land development patterns, construction costs, and fossil fuels and then identifying the impacts of all of the above.
- 4 strategic outcomes from the plan were unifying transportation, integrating intermodal planning, strategic investment approaches and collaborative partnerships.
- Key initiatives outlined were: traveler safety, preservation, statewide corridor management planning, asset management, performance measurement, context sensitive solutions, and new investment strategies.

Ansel pointed out the Critical Corridor Initiative NH DOT is working on where they are working with a committee to implement a plan by identifying successful corridors around the state and then analyzing them. He added that they were working with other agencies and that it is not just a NH DOT deal. They would also be checking to see if the corridor studies out there were up-to-date.

In addition to the above, Ansel informed the group of the New Investment Strategy which had two categories: Modes/Facilities/Services Program and Shifts by Model/Facility – Shifts in How Spent.

A copy of the full plan is available at: <http://www.nh.gov/dot/municipalhighways/LongRangePlan.htm>

Ansel concluded saying that in the longer document, the 4 scenarios are explained in more detail with more technical information. Tim felt the plan fits in with our Regional Plan in identifying the same issues and is consistent with what was talked about at the last TTAC meeting. He asked Ansel if he had any ideas on the money or funding aspect. Ansel said he was mostly focusing on the Ten Year Plan itself. John Cashell asked how you would plan for this with the issues today, i.e. gas prices and the repercussions. Ansel said if revenue goes down & people travel less, it could become an issue. Leigh Levine was hoping that congress could do something to fill that gap (ex. highway trust fund). He added that they were looking at ways to do more creative innovative financing, but it was hard to say what might happen in the long run.

Tim asked if the corridor initiative was going to go further or become stand alone. Ansel said there was 2 million set aside for the next 2 years and 1 ½ million after to support the corridor plan.

Leigh said the presentation was done well and asked if there were any ideas on how many or what measures would be included as part of the performance measure dashboard. Ansel replied that there were 15 possible measures listed in the long plan and that they were currently working with Maine DOT on this. He added that there was an email address on the website for any comments. Ansel informed the group that at the last 2 presentations, the discussion revolved around how much money was being invested in transit.

## JUNE MEETING

Tim said there was not a normally scheduled June TTAC meeting, but the Prospectus & its components, another UPWP Amendment, the 2009-2012 TIP, the LRTP, and STIP #8 all had a potential to come up over the next few months, therefore he felt the need to schedule a **meeting for June 25<sup>th</sup>, at Noon.**

The meeting adjourned at **12:48pm.**