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NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 8/18/04

Members Present: Steve Williams, NRPC
Becky Ohler, DES
Bob Jeniski, Nashua Transit System
Paul Newman, Nashua Transit System
Roger Houston, City of Nashua Planning Dept.
Dave Szczublewski, DOT Transportation Planning

Others Present: Sam Lingeman, GIS Planner
Ryan Friedman, NRPC Transportation Planner GIS
Matt Waitkins, NRPC Transportation Planner
Mark Archambault, NRPC Circuit Rider for Hollis/Brookline
Betsy Hahn, NRPC Regional Planner
Angie Rapp, NRPC Environmental Planner
Steve Wagner, NRPC Circuit Rider for Litchfield/Wilton
Helen Fenske, NRPC Commissioner-Brookline

Meeting Opened and review of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Steve Williams at 3:04 PM. New members were present so the Committee introduced themselves. Paul Newman introduced Bob Jeniski, the new General Manager at Nashua Transit System, who recently replaced John Whittaker. Sam Lingeman was introduced as the new GIS Planner, replacing Koren Melfi. Williams asked the Committee if there were any corrections to the minutes from the June 16th meeting. Becky Ohler moved to accept the minutes and Mark Archambault seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Review of the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Williams stated that the LRTP was released for public review and comment from August 2, 2004 through September 1, 2004. The main purpose of this meeting is to make a recommendation to the NRPC Commission to adopt the LRTP at the September 1, 2004 meeting. NRPC decided to produce the LRTP, TIP and Air Quality as individual documents for increased flexibility (adding amendments, printing, etc.) and ease in locating information.

The LRTP spans a twenty-year planning period covering projects from 2005 to 2025. This plan is updated every two years. Williams briefly summarized the chapters for the Committee. New components to the LRTP include the latest census data, the Regional Transit Plan and a summary of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The second document is the 2005 to 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The first section of the TIP covers 2005-2007 funding for projects. The second section includes projects for fiscal years 2008-2014. The third document is the Air Quality Analysis. This analysis demonstrates that the region conforms to the State Implementation Plan. Next year the air quality analysis will use the new rules and budgets for air quality conformity. This will limit the number of towns eligible to apply for CMAQ funds. Theoretically this could result in more money per community since less towns will be applying for funding.

Discussion of the LRTP

Becky Ohler stated that the DES comments needed to be included in the Air Quality document before it was presented to the NRPC Commission. Williams stated that the documents were already printed and he would verbally present comments and include them in the final written document. The motion to recommend adopting the LRTP to the NRPC Commission with changes was made by Roger Houston. Paul Newman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Next Meeting, September 18 at 3:00 PM. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.