


NRPC APPROVED MINUTES
NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
12/12/18

Members Present:

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| Gordon Leedy, Town of Amherst | Mark Saunders, City of Nashua |
| Jeff Gowan, Town of Pelham | Todd Croteau, Town of Hollis |
| Wayne Husband, City of Nashua | Brian Groth, Town of Hudson |
| Dawn Tuomala, Town of Merrimack | Mark Chamberlain, Town of Lyndeborough |
| Pete Kohalmi, City of Nashua | |
| Julie Chizmas, City of Nashua | |

Others Present

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| Lucy A. St. John, NHDOT | Tim White, NHDES |
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STAFF PRESENT

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| Gregg Lantos, Principal Transp. Planner/MPO Coord. | Matt Waitkins, Senior Transportation Planner |
| Jay Minkarah, Executive Director | Cassie Mullen, Reg'l Planner/Mason Circuit Rider |
| Mason Twombly, Environmental Planner | Stephen Meno, Reg'l Planner/Wilton Circuit Rider |

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Lantos called the meeting to order at 12:06pm with introductions

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 14TH, 2018 MEETING

Lantos referred to the minutes of November 14, 2018 included in the agenda packet as Attachment 1. He asked if there were any corrections; if not a motion for approval.

Gowen motioned with a second from Chamberlain to approve the November 14, 2018 TTAC minutes. St. John abstained. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE FY 2019-2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Lantos presented a PowerPoint to the group reviewing the completed draft of the FY2019-2045 Metropolitan transportation Plan (MTP). Lantos opened the presentation by saying that the MTP is a federally mandated document used to develop a 20+ year plan for the region's multi-modal transportation system. The MTP must be fiscally constrained, there must be major updates every four years with revised future forecasts, and minor updates must be completed with each TIP update (including amendments). The rest of the presentation reviewed the entirety of the draft document including goals and objectives of the MTP, planning emphasis areas, existing conditions, future needs analysis, transportation projects and programs, and Nashua MPO recommended fiscally constrained projects. Chizmas presented the East Hollis and Bridge Street Intersection reconfiguration project, and how the design incorporates a future connection to Crown Street. The reconfiguration establishes two separate intersections with dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks. Chizmas added that ITS will be involved and will coordinate all traffic signals. Hudson Boulevard was reviewed as well as Turnpike widening with Exits 2 and 5 being recommended fiscally constrained projects.

Chizmas asked for the opportunity for discussion. She stated that the City of Nashua is concerned because passenger rail was depicted as a high priority in the surveys and that language should be added to the MTP that the MPO supports rail. Chizmas added that Nashua would like to see NRPC supports the City, as they are already working with private developers and seeking funds. Minkarah stated that he agrees with Chizmas and that language will be added to the MTP in support of rail.

Gowen motioned to approve the FY 2019-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with edits. Saunders seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed approve the FY 2019-2045 MTP and to suggest adoption to the full Commission.

STAFF UPDATES

FY 2019 transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

Lantos presented a table depicting the STIP update schedule. Lantos asked St. John about if the 30-day public comment period began on January 14th. St. John said that she was unsure but would verify. White inquired if the schedule could be compressed since we do not have to do all the steps. It was established by the group that this needs to be discussed at the interagency meeting regarding deadlines and meeting dates.

2021-2030 NH Ten Year Plan (TYP) Process

Lantos asked the group what role TTAC should play in project ranking. Chizmas stated that historically she thought that TTAC weighed in on the ratings, but each member did not rate it. Minkarah added that there is enough time to review criteria this time. The group decided on all fully reviewing the criteria this time. Chizmas stated that she wanted the Kinsley Street Project to be prioritized above the Bridge/Canal Street project for Nashua.

December Minor Revision

Communities impacted by the Nashua-Merrimack-Bedford FEE Turnpike widening were contacted. The Nashua Transit Authority also revised project funding for fleet replacement.

Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Waitkins gave a brief presentation to overview the plan and how the purpose was to assess bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Waitkins added that the plan focuses primarily on state routes and less on local roads. The public meet meetings will be determined at a later date. Chizmas mentioned that on Monday December 17th the Bike Walk Alliance is holding a public meeting at the great Northern Ale Works. Waitkins reminded everyone of the Regional Bike/Ped Plan that NRPC established and stated that he would also like to resurrect a regional group of people together that are interested in bicycle and pedestrian planning. Leedy said that Amherst is developing a bike/ped plan and that is would be beneficial to see how their recommendations will mesh with the town's neighbors.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Lantos asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chamberlain motioned with a second from Leedy to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm.