


NRPC APPROVED MINUTES
NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 8, 2019

Members Present:

Mark Chamberlain, Town of Lyndeborough
 Todd Croteau, Town of Hollis
 Elvis Dhima, Town of Hudson
 Jeff Gowan, Town of Pelham

Brian Groth, Town of Hudson
 Wayne Husband, City of Nashua
 Pete Kohalmi, City of Nashua
 John Savage, NTS

Others Present

Lucy A. St. John, NHDOT
 Tim White, NHDES

STAFF PRESENT

Gregg Lantos, Principal Transp. Planner/MPO Coord.
 Jay Minkarah, Executive Director
 Matt Waitkins, Senior Transportation Planner

Sabrina Pedersen, Community Relations Coordinator
 John Goeman, Reg'l Planner/Wilton Circuit Rider

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Lantos called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm with a round of introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13TH, 2019 MEETING

Lantos referred to the minutes of April 10, 2019 included in the agenda packet as Attachment 1.

Gowan motioned with a second from Croteau to approve the April 10, 2019 TTAC minutes as amended. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF THE STATEWIDE FREIGHT PLAN – LUCY ST. JOHN, NHDOT

- St. John presented about the Statewide Freight Plan, approved by the FHWA on February 11, 2019. Each state is required to develop a State Freight Plan in order to access National Highway Freight Program (NHFO) funding and obligate freight formula funds. The freight system includes roadways, railroads, airports, pipelines, and connectivity of this network. The Plan complies with federal and state freight goals, objectives, and performance measures. The Statewide Freight Advisory Committee (SFAC) was established to complete the Freight Plan. Public outreach, NH freight network, and key findings of the report were discussed.
- FHWA is hosting a workshop for MPO/RPC staff at the end of May 2019.
- The presentation slides are available [here](#).
- The Plan is available on NHDOT's website [here](#).

- Question: Any sense of how that 95% of truck shipping is going to change over time? Total truck tonnage is anticipated to grow at an annual average rate of 2.6%.
- Question: Lantos asked if there will be a concerted effort to get all RPCs in the same direction? St. John stated that she did not know the exact details of the FHWA workshop, but the workshop is expected to focus on utilizing data for making better, informed decisions and how the performance measures will fit into them.
- Question: Minkarah asked if there were any specific findings that surprised St. John. Secondly, to what extent will the Freight Plan inform the 10-year plan? Findings about 95% of trucks using highways, construction industry section, and the port section surprised St. John the most. The Freight Plan is anticipated to be part of the 10-year plan.
- White emphasized that we need to transition from heavy-duty, diesel engines to alternative fuels for moving freight. As the diesel fleet will age over time, emissions and air quality are expected to get worse. White asked if the MPO Action Plans are a required item from the FAST Act for the May workshop? St. John did not have a definite answer, promising to follow up with more information.
- Does the Plan identify alternative fuel sites? NH Department of Energy has more information [here](#).

PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT UPDATE OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS — JOHN GOEMAN, NRPC

- Goeman presented about the Draft Update of the Public Involvement Process. PIP is mandated by both federal and state regulations. Focus on the corrective actions received by 2016 TMA certification review and proposed solutions to that. Give a more descriptive intro about the MPO, include PIP in all plans going forward and mandated ones MTP and TIP, methods to engage under-served populations, general public engagement, at the end of each MTP/TIP update we will evaluate the strategies and the plan will be updated every 4 years and new plan every 8 years.
- Open comment period is from April 26th to June 10th
- The Plan is available on NRPC's website [here](#).
- Hearing date is on June 19th, 2019.
- Question: White asked if the MPO received any requests to provide information in other languages than English? No requests, but NRPC does provide a Spanish version of the survey. Specifically, NRPC will strategically provide surveys in other languages based on the neighborhood's dominant language, depending on the resources available.

STAFF UPDATES

- Final Ten-Year Transportation Plan Project List: Lantos provided an update about Milford withdrawing their project from the project list. Financials were readjusted as a result. For the remaining 5 projects, all but \$118,000 will be accommodated. Projects are expected to go forth and approved by the MPO.

Discussions with DOT are happening about expediting the Exit 5 realignment and Taylor Falls Veteran Memorial Bridge rehabilitation.

- Review of TIP Amendment 1 and May Minor Revision: Waitkins provided an update about the 2019 – 2022 STIP and TIP. 101A project will have increased funds for the construction phase. The Nashua/Merrimack/Bedford project will have increased funds for construction and ITS. Pelham project will have decreased funds, but the funds are not permanently gone. Nashua Transit System's quarterly revision shoes excluded parts; 60900D and 60900E need to be removed due to double-counting. In addition, non-participating funding is listed for 5307, 5310, and 339 in the STIP. This inconsistent information will be updated in the STIP. The fiscal years were adjusted for preliminary engineering for the Wilton project.
- Projects proposed in the STIP Amendment: Red list bridge, NH101A widening will combine with 10136A (phase 1 and 2). Projects will be discussed more at future TTAC meetings.
- Transit Expansions Study: Milford Workshop is Wednesday, May 15th; Hudson Workshop is Monday, May 20th; and Merrimack Workshop is Tuesday, May 28th. All workshops are from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at each community's public library.

OTHER BUSINESS

St. John reminded everyone that letters of interest for CMAC round are due June 7th.

St. John reminded everyone about the State Bike-Ped Plan.

Minkarah reminded everyone about the bill grants are available to apply. Dhima discussed the decrease in grant funding, the new project categories, increased competition, and scoring limitations. Minkarah stated that 50% of the funding will be provided to rural communities. The grant application deadline is June 15th, 2019.

ADJOURN

Lantos asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Groth motioned with a second from Husband to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.