


DRAFT MINUTES
NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2019

Members Present:

Gordon Leedy, Town of Amherst	Camille Pattison, NTS
Jeff Gowan, Town of Pelham	Dawn Tuomala, Town of Merrimack
Pete Kohalmi, City of Nashua	Julie Chizmas, City of Nashua

Others Present

Lucy A. St. John, NHDOT	Elizabeth Strachan, NHDES
Paul Maloney, FHWA	

STAFF PRESENT

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	Derek Stahl, Planning Technician
John Goeman, Reg'l Planner/Wilton Circuit Rider	

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Lantos called the meeting to order at 12:07pm with introductions

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 12TH, 2018 MEETING

Lantos referred to the minutes of December 12, 2018 included in the agenda packet as Attachment 1. He asked if there were any corrections; if not a motion for approval. Chizmas had a correction under the "2021-2030 Ten Year Plan (TYP) Process" to change "Complete Streets Project" to "Kinsley Street Project."

Gowen motioned with a second from Leedy to approve the December 12, 2018 TTAC minutes as amended. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND REVISIONS AND PROJECTS UPDATE TO THE FY 2019-2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Lantos reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the revisions to the FY 2019-2045 MTP:

- Project costs were revised from data provided in the new STIP
- Environmental Mitigation activities were added for major projects
- Air Quality Conformity Determination added (planning level analysis)
- Fiscal constraint was revised, it no longer combines O&M in the same spreadsheet
- O&M needs were separated from FC and show all funding sources
- Additional positive Environmental Justice project impacts were identified
- Nashua MPO vote to support Nashua Rail ext. was noted
- A few minor revisions to project information

Lantos also discussed the topic of continual administrative edits/amendments.

Next the project updates to the FY 2019-2022 TIP and were reviewed with the group, including:

- Addition of Air Quality Conformity determination (planning level determination vs. analysis)
- Addition of Performance Measures Targets and checklist of projects with positive impacts
- Minor revisions to the NTS project cost and expanded project descriptions
- Minor revisions to Project 40660 E. Hollis St. improvements

Pattison motioned with a second from Gowen to recommend approval of the FY 2019-2022 TIP and revisions and project updates to the FY 2019-2045 MTP. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2021-2030 NH TEN YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Waitkins started a discussion with the group regarding the ranking process and brought attention to Attachment 3, which is a memo summarizing the ranking process in a nutshell. TTAC will have a month to review the process and at the next month TTAC will give recommended rankings to the NRPC Commissioners. There is a total of 7 projects to review, and a lot of collaboration has been done to develop the ranking criteria.

There was a discussion among the group about how the ranking should be evaluated for the next round of projects because complete streets projects have an unfair negative connotation of diminishing vehicle capacity. Leedy also made a note that rehabilitation is favored over new construction. Strachan added that the weighting really should be revised so multimodal projects aren't penalized, possibly revised to something like Rockingham's ranking system. Waitkins stated that he would bump up the scoring for complete streets projects, it won't change the present ranking, but it will still make a statement in the meantime.

2019 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES TARGET

Lantos stated that this agenda item an update of initial statewide safety performance measures adopted in December of 2017. Now we are replacing those with regional targets. Leedy referred the group to the 2019 Recommended Targets and Statewide 5-year average (Attachment 5), for the purpose of comparison only.

There was a group discussion about the efforts currently being made toward improving this data, because currently it is very spotty. Minkarah acknowledged that it is unnerving to have a target for fatalities. Lantos added that the fatality target is federally mandated. Chizmas stated that the fatality targets should be lower than the data points.

Chizmas made a motion that targets should be no higher than the 5-year moving average. Leedy seconded. Lantos added that TTAAC is not endorsing the mandated targets and instead are endorsing this proposed policy. All in favor and the motion passed.

STAFF UPDATES

Waitkins stated that the NH Statewide Bike/Ped Plan is still in the works, and Alta Planning (the paid consultant for DOT) is asking for public input. To give input, visit the DOT website. Another project that dovetails with the Statewide Bike/Ped Plan is the Statewide Bike/Ped stress level on state routes. Plymouth State is also collaborating on this project.

Lantos informed the group that the FTA Section 53.10 application is due February 27th. This secures the funding for SVTC.

Waitkins gave an update about the Transit Expansion Feasibility Study, and how NRPC is developing public outreach including workshops in April and May to be located at the Nashua Community College, Milford Library, Merrimack Library, and somewhere in the Town of Hudson.

Lantos reviewed the February STIP amendments. There is a new estimate for moving money into this fiscal year, and a new turn pocket is going in on Route 13 in Brookline. Lantos stated that NRPC has reached out to the community and they are fine with this project.

Stahl gave a brief presentation of the Commute Smart Statewide challenge being held in June with the objective of reducing vehicular trips for each RPC area. We will need to do outreach for businesses to participate.

Lantos stated that the UPWP is being updated and will be reviewed at next month's TTAC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Lantos asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chizmas motioned with a second from Gowan to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.