


NRPC APPROVED MINUTES
NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
07/13/16

Members Present:

Bruce Berry, Town of Amherst
 Tanner Kent, Town of Amherst (Intern)
 Tad Putney, Town of Brookline
 Jim Battis, Town of Hudson
 John Cashell, Town of Hudson
 Elvis Dhima, Town of Hudson
 Troy Brown, Town of Litchfield
 Tom Young, Town of Litchfield
 Mark Bender, Town of Milford
 Lincoln Daley, Town of Milford
 Wendy Hunt, Milford Improvement Team
 Tom Bayrd, Town of Hollis
 Joan Cudworth, Town of Hollis

Kyle Fox, Town of Merrimack
 Steve McFadden, Town of Merrimack (Intern)
 Evan Silva, Town of Merrimack (Intern)
 Amy Prouty Gill, City of Nashua DPW
 Wayne Husband, City of Nashua
 Tom Lacroix, City of Nashua DPW
 Tim Cummings, City of Nashua
 Frank Ferreira, Town of Pelham
 Jeff Gowan, Town of Pelham
 Brian McCarthy, Town of Pelham
Others Present:
 Suzanne Fournier, Milford-Brox Environmental Citizens
 Glenn Davison, NHDOT
 Tim White, NHDES

STAFF PRESENT

Jen Czysz, Assistant Director
 Julie Chizmas, Senior Transportation Planner
 Kristina Sargent, GIS Specialist

Sara Siskavich, GIS Manager
 Cassie Mullen, Regional Planner
 Karen Baker, Program Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Czysz opened the meeting at 12:07pm with introductions and welcomed VHB Guests who would be providing a presentation to the group on “MS4: What does it mean for you?”.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8, 2016

Czysz referred to the minutes of June 8, 2016 included in the agenda packet and asked if there were any comments or changes. Gowan moved to approve the June 8, 2016 minutes with a second from Young. All were in favor with 2 abstentions.

LUNCH AND LEARN GUEST PRESENTATION – VHB

Sherrie Trefry spoke to the group and provided a brief background on VHB and the work they do. She introduced the MS4 presentation focused on what the EPA’s long-awaited update to the MS4 Stormwater General Permit means for your community. Expected to be released in New Hampshire by autumn 2016, the new requirements will impact nine of the 13 communities located in the greater Nashua region. She introduced VHB Senior Water Quality Scientist Bill Arcieri, CPESC, CPSWQ who would provide an overview of the permit, when the MS4 update is coming, which communities will be impacted, and what the new requirements are expected to entail and how municipalities can begin preparing now and strategies for compliance.

Arcieri provided an overview of the MS4 Permit pointing out that it is for municipal separate storm sewer systems, regulated by US EPA through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program for the New England area. It applies to municipalities in urbanized areas, the NHDOT, federal and state owned large properties, certain institutions (hospitals & universities). Arcieri showed a timeline which started with 2003 when the initial MS4 Permit was established and running through the fall of 2018, when annual report is due. He noted the 44 total affected communities, 28 located in the south central part of

the state and 16 located on the coast. Of the 44 affected communities, 9 were in the NRPC region with Wilton as the newest to be added.

Arcieri noted the major changes as listed below and provided a brief summary of the key permit changes for each and touched on some of the new requirements:

Submittal Requirements

- Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Annual Reports

Minimum Control Measures (MCM)

- Public Education & Outreach (targeted messages to specific audiences);
- Public Involvement (annual input on implementation & posted online in the town);
- Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination (IDD) (4 components: mapping, outfall screening, catchment work & written programs [10 year span]);
- Pre & Post Construction Site Runoff Control (written procedures of site plan review, inspection and enforcement measures and regulatory controls for other wastes and 2, 4, & 5 years tasks to complete); and
- Good Housekeeping (2 years: develop Operations & Management plan, Stormwater Pollution Prevention plan and inventory of permittee owned facilities).

Next, Arcieri moved on to the key changes for water quality requirements for impaired waters:

- Water Quality Based Requirements: Current approved list of impaired waters with reporting on total maximum daily loads (TMDLs)
- Nutrient Impaired Waters: Phosphorus with and without TMDL, a nutrient source identification plan (even if no TMDL) at 4 years, and a demonstrated project at 6 years.
- Chloride Impaired Waters (only 2 in the region): Mine Falls Dam, Nashua & McQuade Brook, Bedford (listed as category 4 & 5). Salt reduction plan, regulations for operator certifications, and salt reduction regulations.

Arcieri summarized the expected municipal staffing impacts:

- Majority of the work is within first two years with increased training for staff, increased GIS mapping activities, increased maintenance activities and administrative activities.
- Anticipated cost of between \$75,000 to \$200,000 per year.

Arcieri provided information on how communities can prepare through various activities, strategies and solutions, and technical assistance. He added that this would be good opportunity to revisit the stormwater utility to spread the burden to all users (property owners). Lastly, Arcieri said to plan for a lot of work in the first 2-3 years as there will be a fair amount of written plan development, mapping, and municipal activities tracking and documenting. He asked if there were any questions.

Gowan asked if in addition to municipal structures, do you have to include private structures; ex. commercial parking lots. Arcieri said yes and you have to map them.

Fournier asked what SSO as shown on in the presentation stood for. Arcieri replied Sanitary Sewer Overflow.

McCarthy asked what the chances for repeal were. Arcieri said it was too late for repeal.

Siskavich asked if in relation to GIS resources in the region that were inspired by the phase 1 permit, if the funding sources were exhausted. Arcieri replied that funding opportunities were still out there.

Prouty-Gill asked what the responsibility of the community was for unknown outfalls giving an example along the Nashua River. Arcieri said the responsibility is to document what you have found, trace to the contributing area and that there is an issue.

Gowan asked about State maintained roads that the Town cleans on whether the state has to do their own reporting on them. Arcieri said the State has to report on them.

Dhima commented that Hudson has already done a lot of the work and what does it mean for Hudson? He also asked if he could have someone come in and look at the work to see if there are any deficiencies. VHB said they could come in. Dhima said he would like to know what the cost would be and added that they already have an RFP out there.

STAFF/COMMITTEE UPDATES

NPRM: MPO COORDINATION AND PLANNING AREA REFORM

Chizmas information on the changes to the recently released Notice of Proposed Rule Making: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform. She showed a map which outlined new proposed designated area. She added that the comment period closes on August 26, 2016. Below are the changes to the definition of Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA):

- Must include entire urbanized area + contiguous area forecast to become urbanized within the 20 year planning horizon
- Could be multiple MPOs within one MPA

Governors and MPOs determine if multiple MPOs are warranted and multiple MPOs within a MPA would jointly develop planning products such as the MTP, TIP performance targets.

States & MPOs would maintain planning agreement

- Dispute resolution process
- Coordination on analyses within MPA

NHDOT RFP: I-93 CTAP FUNDS

Next Chizmas provided information on the NHDOT Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) RFP for I-93 CTAP Funds. Below are the details of the program:

- Aimed at TDM Strategies for the I-93 Corridor such as Transit Oriented Development (TOD) or Improved or Expanded transit opportunities.
- Collaboration between CTAP communities encouraged
- NRPC CTAP Communities: Hudson, Litchfield, and Pelham
- 20% cash match from non-federal sources required
- Minimum: \$150,000 (\$120,000 federal)
- Maximum: \$250,000 (\$200,000 federal)

Direct questions to Bill Watson (bwatson@dot.state.nh.us) or Glenn Davison (gdavison@dot.state.nh.us) by September 1, 2016. Proposal Due Date: October 14, 2016.

PLAN UPDATES

Lastly, Chizmas informed the group of the NRPC Plan updates coming.

2017 – 2026 Ten Year Transportation Plan

- Signed into law on June 24, 2016

2017 – 2020 S/TIP

- DRAFT Release: expected August 2016
- TTAC Recommendation: September TTAC Meeting
- Adoption: September Commission Meeting

2017 – 2040 MTP

- Minor update to project list
- TTAC Recommendation: November TTAC Meeting
- Adoption: December Commission Meeting

MTP WORKSHOP RESULTS

Czys referred to the 3 NRPC hosted transportation workshops held across the region during June to review and discuss the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Project List. The big picture conversations focused on regional corridors (Turnpike, access across the Merrimack River, the 101 and 101A corridors, and rural transportation needs) with the objective to ensure the MTP projects and goals are aligned. The workshops included an interactive exercise where participants were given a game board and transportation projects game pieces and had to fill the board with the projects they felt were most important to the region using a budget. The end product will be an updated list of projects for adoption and incorporation into the MTP at the December NRPC Commission meeting. Czys provided a summary of the MTP Workshops Results below:

Top Individual Projects:

- Nashua 101A Widening
- Wilton to Bedford 101 Spot Improvements
- FEE Turnpike Exit 36
- Amherst 101/101A Intersection Improvements

Top Generalized Investments:

- Local (#1) and State (#3) Bridges
- Road Reconstruction
- Local Intersection Improvements

Variations to the top projects:

- TTAC: FEE Widening
- Wilton: Full 101 Widening outranked Spot Improvements
- Milford: Passenger Rail
- Hudson: Northern Bridge, East Hollis St, and Circumferential Highway

Czys concluded with results on the average funding distribution by funding source and by MTP goal. She added that there will be a 4 transportation workshop held in Nashua.

Motion to adjourn came from Gowan with a second from Young. The meeting ended at 1:13pm.