


NRPC APPROVED MINUTES
NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 10, 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
Steve Dookran, City of Nashua	Mark Chamberlain, Town of Lyndeborough
Lucy A. St. John, NHDOT	Elizabeth Strachan, NHDES
Brian Groth, Town of Hudson	Steve Dodson, City of Nashua
John Savage, NTS	Paul Maloney, FHWA
Tad Putney, Town of Brookline	Tim Boodey, NHDOT
Dave Hennessey, Town of Pelham	

Others Present

Katie Nelson, Central NH RPC

STAFF PRESENT

Gregg Lantos, Principal Transp. Planner/MPO Coord.	Sabrina Pedersen, Community Relations Coordinator
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	Ryan Friedman, Senior GIS Planner

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Lantos called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm with a round of introductions.

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

Lantos referred to the minutes of March 13, 2019 included in the agenda packet as Attachment 1. He asked if there were any corrections. Brian Groth asked for his name to be added to the March minutes.

Tuomala motioned with a second from Leedy to approve the March 13, 2019 TTAC minutes as amended. All were in favor and the motion passed.

KATIE NELSON OF CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION LED A DISCUSSION OF THE COMMUTESMART PROGRAM

- Originally named Commute Green New Hampshire, CommuteSmart is a regional program that encourages people to use other modes of transportation than driving single-occupancy vehicles.
- CommuteSmart will be hosting a June Statewide Challenge from June 1st to 30th. Each region will target companies to recruit their employees to join the challenge. Surveying will not be necessary, but Central NH can provide a standard survey for employees to fill out.
- Nelson provided an overview of NH Ride Share to show how challenge participants and other daily users find carpool, bike, or bus partners along their routes.

- Nelson explained that the app called Ways cannot be linked to the website. In the future, there will be an available app for NH Ride Share.
- Nelson clarified that participants who are inactive for 3 to 6 months will be notified if they are still participating in NH Ride Share.
- Minkarah asked if data will be accessible, and Nelson stated that data collection has just primarily started. All the data will be accessible/exportable.
- Katie Nelson and Derek Stahl are the primary contacts of the program.

2021 – 2030 NH TEN YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

- Lantos referred to the list of submitted projects with the federal share, as estimated by the municipalities, as shown in agenda packet as Attachment 2.
- The estimated funding shortfall for all projects for the biennial period is \$857,170. NRPC intends to continue with all project submissions (with the Milford project modified to include the bridge(s) only) and commit the project shortfall to its next biennial period project submission. Year-of-Expenditure costs account for inflation of 2.55% per year.
- Groth stated that Hudson will be looking to rehabilitate the Taylor Falls Bridge and Veterans Memorial Bridge sooner than later to reduce the costs.

REVIEW OF FY 2020 – 2021 UPWP TASKS

- Lantos referred to the MPO Unified Planning Work Program FY 2020 – 2021, as shown in the agenda packet as Attachment 3.
- The following categories and subtasks were briefly summarized:
 - Category 100 – MPO Administration and training
 - Category 200 – Policy and Planning
 - Category 300 – Public Involvement and Coordination
 - Category 400 – Plan Support (Data, modeling, GIS)
 - Category 500 – Technical Assistance and Transit Support
 - Category 600 – Nashua Interregional Transit Expansion Study
- Lantos commented about several specific tasks. The title of Task 202 has been changed to include the term 'planning'. The Transportation Planners Collaborative (Task 203) will start having quarterly meetings again. The Regional Bicycle – Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee has been reinstated to continue work on traffic stress (Task 211). Currently, the Public Involvement Process plan is underway with a focus on identifying environmental justice communities. A new category (600) has been added to conduct a study about the Nashua Interregional Transit Expansion.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Lantos asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Pattison motioned with a second from Groth to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm.