

## RPC TAC MEETING

### Minutes

May 26, 2016

RPC Conference Room

**Members Present:** Art Ditto, Chair, Rye; Richard McDermott, Hampton Falls; Robert Clark, Atkinson; Ken Christiansen, Brentwood; Juliet Walker, Portsmouth; Richard Hartung, Hampstead; Dave Sharples and Don Woodward, Exeter; Tim Moore, Plaistow; Chris Jacobs, Hampton; Rad Nichols, COAST; and Leigh Levine, FHWA.

**Staff Present:** Dave Walker, Scott Bogle and Roxanne Rines, RPC.

**Meeting Opened at 9:00 a.m.**

#### 1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what municipality they were from or the agency they represented.

#### 2. Minutes of March 24, 2016, TAC Meeting

**Motion:** **McDermitt** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2016, as written. **Moore** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with abstentions.**

#### 3. US 1/NH 101/Hampton Intermodal Center Project Update

**Bogle** distributed a letter that was sent to the Hampton Board of Selectmen concerning the work completed and the next steps. **Jacobs** stated the timing is not good for an Intermodal Center in downtown Hampton and gave examples of the extra work needed during the summer months at the beach. Discussion ensued.

#### 4. 2017-2026 Ten Year Plan Status

**D. Walker** reviewed the document included in the packet and explained some of the changes included in the plan. Discussion ensued.

#### 5. SB364 – Complete Streets Study Committee Status

**Bogle** stated the bill would establish a study committee to look at a complete streets guide for the state. The bill is waiting for the Governor to sign. **D. Walker** stated the FHWA has streamlined their rules for designs on highways under 50 mph; they have eliminated eleven of the 13 rules. That means

the design standards for streets are a lot more flexible if federal funds are used. Discussion ensued about the maintenance of sidewalks on state roads being the municipality's responsibility and the burden it will have on communities.

## **6. SHRP2 Performance Based Planning Grant Update**

**D. Walker** stated the grant was supposed to start last fall, but it sat at DOT for several months. There is a possible start time of late summer or early fall of this year.

## **7. Sub-County Population Projections**

**D. Walker** gave a powerpoint presentation explaining the methodology in how the projections are calculated. Discussion ensued about the high and low estimates of the population projections; how OEP's calculations fit into staff's numbers; why a range of population numbers can't be used for planning purposes; the increased traffic during the summer. **D. Walker** stated that staff will also take into account the demographers statistics available.

## **8. Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Discussion of Regional Crash Data Analysis, VMT Estimates and Scenario Planning Exercise**

**D. Walker** stated he will mostly be speaking about crash data analysis and scenario planning, with a powerpoint presentation. He stated the creation of two new land use scenarios with the goal of understanding the impacts on the transportation system as well as the distribution of population and employment.

MPO staff is working with OEP on developing sub-county population projections. So far, the indication is that the population change in the RPC region is likely to be greater than the "slow growth" scenario.

**D. Walker** reviewed the crash data, which the basic work is largely complete as it applies to the Long Range Transportation Plan, a more in depth examination of bicycle and pedestrian crashes will help to guide recommendations for related infrastructure improvements.

He continued that staff has created 5 planning scenario's, they are: 1) slow growth; 2) strong, dispersed growth; 3) strong, concentrated growth; 4) strong, dispersed employment growth, residential growth outside of the region; and 5) strong concentrated employment growth, residential growth outside of the region. He gave brief explanations of the above five scenarios.

**D. Walker** stated work is still ongoing to evaluate the information provided by the regional travel dean model and will feed into the remaining work on the Long Range Plan. Further efforts will gauge the impacts on land use and transportation and will be reflected in many of the same outputs that were included in the Regional Master Plan scenario exercise. Discussion ensued.

## **9. Coordinated Pubic Transit/Human Service Transportation Plan Update for Derry-Salem Region (if time permits)**

**Bogle** gave a powerpoint presentation reviewing the communities that are included in the service area; an overview of transit coordination; what the state and federal mandates are; the system of

regional coordinating councils that have been developed around the state; the requirements under the FASTACT legislation; and the draft recommendations that will be in the plan. The adoption of this document will take place at the July MPO meeting. Discussion ensued.

## **10. Project Updates**

A handout was distributed with other project updates.

**Bogle** stated the next round of Transportation Alternatives funding is opening. Letters of interest are due to DOT by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff is available to help communities, just contact them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines  
Recording Secretary