

**Transportation Advisory Committee  
Rockingham Planning Commission**

**June 27, 2019**

**RPC Conference Room, Exeter NH**

**Members Present:** R. McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); T. Moore (Plaistow); E. Strachan (NHDES); M. Stowell (PDA); D. Baxter (Seabrook); D. Sharples (Exeter); L. St. John (NHDOT); L. Levine, P. Maloney (FHWA-NH); J. Walker (Portsmouth); K. Makinen (Salem); T. Austin (Stratham)

**Staff:** T. Roache (Executive Director); D. Walker (Assistant Director); C. Matthews (GIS/Transportation Analyst); A. Pettengill (Business Manager); S. Gardner (GIS Intern)

- 1. Chairman McDermott convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and introductions were made. Matthews introduced the new staff GIS intern Stephanie Gardner.**

- 2. Minutes of March 28, 2019**

*Sharples moved to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2019 as presented; Moore seconded. **SO VOTED.***

- 3. 2019 TIP Amendment #1**

Walker referred to Attachment 2 which is a report listing the changes proposed to the TIP by Amendment #1. The amendment consists of 5 statewide projects being changed. He reviewed the changes and reasons for the changes. He also reviewed instructions for reading the TIP Revision Report. Discussion followed on the cost changes and fiscal constraint and air quality. *Moore moved to recommend MPO approval of the project changes identified in Amendment #1 **SO VOTED.***

- 4. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Updates**

Walker noted that eleven letters of interest were received from four MPO member municipalities and 5 other agencies for projects in, or directly impacting the MPO region. The total request is \$11,423,402 in federal funding with a total project cost of \$18,411,302. He stated that one change will be to add a Bike/Ped project in Salem that DOT is missing –Salem Bike/Ped Corridor Phase 4 & 5. Walker reviewed the criteria that the DOT will look at when reviewing the projects: Project Readiness, Financial readiness; stewardship & sustainability; air quality benefits/cost benefit. Walker noted that the DOT will present the projects at the GACIT hearing to be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm at the Kingston Library.

## 5. Ten Year Plan Update

Walker stated that the Ten Year Plan Update will be discussed as well at the July 31<sup>st</sup> GACIT hearing in Kingston. A Draft Ten Year Plan will be presented August 14<sup>th</sup> and public hearings will be held around the State in the Fall. Roache noted that if your community has a project it is beneficial to be present at the GACIT hearing to advocate for it. Discussion followed.

## 6. NPMRDS Expanded Data & Tools – C. Matthews

Matthews presented information about the expanded Vehicle Probe data acquired by the RPC's which contains average travel speeds every 5 minutes 24/7 on the National Highway System (NHS). The RPCs purchased these tools and data together and will use it to create reliability measures and locate where congestion is happening and why. Other tools allow visualization of congestion with animated trend maps which will allow the RPCs to do regional analysis on road networks and specific corridors. Discussion followed.

## 7. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update – D. Walker

Walker stated that the CMP is a regional approach to monitor and manage congestion and gives strategies to deal with congestion. Reduction of congestion is the goal and it can be accomplished with many approaches, such as additional transit services and increased capacity. The staff is currently updating the CMP by analyzing where congestion is occurring, what the causes are, and tracking specific implemented changes such as turn lanes, to see if those helped the situation. Also included in the CMP process is the prioritization of projects for the Transportation Improvement Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan. The current CMP is 10 years old now and it has to be updated with the new framework from MAP21 FASTACT performance measures and targets. The recent purchase of the MPMRDS data will reduce staff time to accomplish this and provides better tools for a larger area. Walker reviewed the 8 step process for CMP Development. The timeline is to start the Update in July for approval in January from TAC & Policy, and finish in June 2020.

## 8. Project Update

Walker stated that the last phase of Plaistow/Kingston improvements are in the planning stage and an Advisory Committee for Route 1 Corridor starts next month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Pettengill

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