

**MINUTES**  
**Rockingham Planning Commission**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**RPC Offices, 156 Water Street, Exeter NH**  
**January 25, 2023**

**Members Present:** B. Dion (Greenland); C. Cross (Newington); J. Lynch (Hampton); P. Coffin (Kingston); T. Moore (Plaistow); M. Connors (Stratham); E. Eby (Portsmouth); J. Lavacchia (Hampstead); D. Sieglie (Rye); R. Nichols (COAST); J. Donald (COAST); B. Herbert (SNHPC); V. Partington, (NHDES); L. St. John (NHDOT); L. Levine (FHWA).

**Staff:** D. Walker (Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Senior Transportation Planner); M. Jerominek (Regional Planner)

**1. Introductions**

Roll call attendance was taken. Walker indicated that the chair was not attending and that he would run the meeting.

**2. Minutes of 12/05/2023 Meetings**

Minutes of the meetings were approved without discussion. **Motion: P. Coffin; Seconded by B. Dion. Unanimous with L. St. John and T. Moore abstaining.**

**3. Region 8 RCC First Year of Regional Mobility Management – B. Herbert**

Herbert provided an overview of the work that has been ongoing to provide transportation services in Region 8 (Greater Manchester-Derry-Salem area). This includes the communities of Salem, Atkinson, Plaistow, Hampstead, Sandown, and Danville in the RPC region. He covered the concept of mobility management, accomplishments over the last year such as improving the mobility management website, ridership increases, building networks of providers and agencies, and assisting individuals with finding transportation. He discussed where riders come from and destination communities in and around the region. He also covered ongoing work to assist with development of statewide transit resources, working with municipalities to better understand needs and available services, and supporting immigrant populations. There was a short discussion with questions after the presentation.

**4. ACT/Region 10 RCC Coordination Update – J. Donald**

Donal provided an overview of ACT and TripLink services. Region 10 covers eastern Rockingham County, Strafford County and Brookfield and Wakefield in Carrol County. ACT includes over 20 agencies that coordinate transportation services in the region. The TripLink system provides a centralized trip request and scheduling platform for participating providers to make best use of limited resources. Different trip purposes sometimes require different services and this helps

make that easier for the users by assigning them to the appropriate provider for the trip. Donald covered some of the requirements for different services. He also covered the data on the number of people served in various ways and other ongoing projects that ACT is working on. He also covered some of the obstacles for riders in getting to places that they need to go as well as the funding and logistical challenges that the providers have in filling the transportation needs. There was a short discussion and questions after the presentation.

#### **5. 2023-2025 TIP Amendment #4 – D. Walker**

Walker provided an overview of the TIP amendment process and the projects included in Amendment #4. The amendment includes 8 projects and will be utilizing a 10-day comment period that will begin in mid-February. Because of the timing, the Amendment will be considered for approval by the RPC Executive Committee instead of the full MPO Policy Committee. The proposed changes include adding four projects, dropping one statewide program, and making funding/timing changes to three projects. Walker briefly covered the details of each project change. Fiscal constraint is maintained. The RPC Executive Committee will consider approval at the February 28, 2024 meeting. Walker recommended that the TAC endorse the changes in Amendment #4 and recommend approval to the Executive Committee. A few questions were posed about the projects and programs. ***Motion P. Coffin; Seconded by R. Nichols. Unanimous approval.***

#### **6. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Target Rules – M. Jerominek**

Jerominek discussed the recently released rules regarding performance targets for Greenhouse Gas emissions. She covered an overview of the rule and its requirements, and what that means for the MPO and for the State. For the MPO, this metric is somewhat unusual in that we will have to set a target for each urbanized area (Boston and Portsmouth) as well as for the full MPO region. Targets must show declining emissions over time. She covered how the metric is calculated and the source of the data that will be utilized. State DOTs must set targets by February, 2024 and MPOs by six months later (August, 2024). Discussion focused around how the metric is calculated and how the MPO will track changes as well as document what projects will help to meet GHG targets.

#### **7. Plaistow Senior Transportation Survey & Volunteer Driver Program – S. Bogle**

Bogle reviewed efforts to improve transportation options for senior citizens in Plaistow. He covered an overview of the existing and past services and lack of coverage in some areas. A survey was fielded last fall and 167 responses were received. Respondents provided information about ability their ability to drive as well as their comfort level with driving under different conditions. They provided information about how they travel if they cannot drive as well as where they need to go for medical appointments and how willing they would be to use various transportation services. Finally, he covered next steps to continue to grow support for implementing a volunteer driver program or other services.

#### **8. Transportation Bills in the NH Legislature – S. Bogle**

Bogle briefly covered the handout provided regarding the bills currently in the legislature and being tracked by the Legislative Policy Committee. He also covered the purpose of the committee. He noted particularly the Ten Year Plan bill (HB2024), and a bill to establish a soundwall program. He also noted a bill that would codify enforcement of speed limits only at

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10 MPH over the speed limit or more. Other bills related to electric vehicles and e-bikes. Discussion was limited due to time constraints.

**9. Agency Updates and Announcements – Multiple TAC Members**

St. John provided an update on the Ten Year Plan that it had been sent to the Legislature by the Governor with some changes.

**10. Project Updates**

No project updates were provided due to lack of time

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 14:59 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
David Walker, Recording Secretary

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