

RPC Transportation Advisory Committee

March 28, 2024

12:00-2:00 PM *****NOTE NEW TIME*****

RPC Offices

156 Water Street, Exeter, NH

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of 2/22/2024 Meeting (**Attachment #1**) — **[Motion Required]** (5 minutes)
3. NH Stream Crossing Initiative – Kevin Lucy NHDES (30 Minutes)
4. TIP Amendment #5 (**Attachment #2**) — Dave Walker (15 Minutes)
5. 2025 Project Solicitation Process – Dave Walker (20 minutes)
6. Regional Master Plan – Transportation Related Feedback from March Commission Meeting – Mikayla Jerominek (15 Minutes)
7. MPO Safety Action Plan Development – Dave Walker (15 Minutes)
8. Agency and Community announcements and updates (20 minutes)
9. Open discussion/Comments

TAC MEETING SCHEDULE For 2024 (Next meeting highlighted)

January 25	April 25	July 25	October 24
February 22	May 23	August 22	December 5***
March 28	June 27	September 26	

***Off Schedule

Rockingham Planning is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Time: Jan 25, 2024 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Fourth Thu, 10 occurrence(s)

Jan 25, 2024 12:00 PM

Feb 22, 2024 12:00 PM

Mar 28, 2024 12:00 PM

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May 23, 2024 12:00 PM

Jun 27, 2024 12:00 PM

Jul 25, 2024 12:00 PM

Aug 22, 2024 12:00 PM

Sep 26, 2024 12:00 PM

Oct 24, 2024 12:00 PM

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MINUTES
Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
RPC Offices, 156 Water Street, Exeter NH
February 22, 2024

Members Present: B. Dion (Greenland); J. Hale (Hampton); P. Coffin (Kingston); T. Moore (Plaistow); M. Connors (Stratham); E. Eby (Portsmouth); J. Harris (Portsmouth); S. Kizza (Brentwood); J. Lavacchia (Hampstead); R. Nichols (COAST); V. Partington, (NHDES); W. Rose (NH DOT); 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 1/25/2024 Meetings

Minutes of the meetings were approved without discussion. **Motion: T. Moore; Seconded by R. Nichols. Unanimous with W. Rose and S. Kizza abstaining.**

3. Long Range Transportation Plan Public Engagement Survey – M. Jerominek

Jerominek provided an overview of the draft public engagement survey for the Long Range Transportation Plan. She presented a summary of what the Long Range transportation plan is, how it fits into the framework of other major efforts like the STIP and TYP, and how often specific aspects of the Long Range plan are updated. Prior public engagement efforts have included surveys, public forums, focus groups, collaboration with other MPO's, TAC working sessions, and public comment opportunities. Jerominek presented on the goals of the survey which include identifying transportation needs throughout the region, mode preferences, and barriers to the transportation system experienced by survey respondents. The draft survey was presented question by question so that TAC could provide feedback on the survey contents. Feedback was recorded and is to be incorporated into the next update of the LRTP survey.

4. 2025 Project Solicitation and Selection Process – D. Walker

Walker provided an overview of the project solicitation and selection process for the Long Range Transportation Plan and the next iteration of the State Ten Year Plan. He covered the anticipated timeline, the process for communities to submit projects, an overview of the project selection criteria, and the need to have projects undergo a scope and cost estimate from an engineer. TAC will be reviewing and setting weights for project selection criteria at a meeting this spring. A "short-list" of prioritized projects for the State Ten Year Plan will be produced this

summer and sent to the engineering team for development of scope and cost estimates. RPC will set draft priorities in the fall and submit to NHDOT in November. After NHDOT review, final priorities for the State Ten Year Plan will be approved by the MPO in March 2025.

5. Regional Bike & Ped Planning – S. Bogle

Bogle provided a kickoff presentation to introduce TAC to the development process for the RPC's regional active transportation plan. The presentation covered why we're developing a plan now, background on prior bicycle and pedestrian planning activities from the MPO, public engagement needs for the plan, and questions for TAC. Bogle presented on how recent work at the state and federal level to bring more emphasis and funding to bicycle and pedestrian planning plus FHWA guidance makes it an appropriate time to develop the plan. He talked about recent data resources we have from work at the state and federal level and opened the discussion to TAC to discuss what level of interest communities might have, how RPC can be effective in working with individual communities on bike and pedestrian planning, and specific multi-town regional bike/pedestrian connections RPC should work on.

6. Agency Updates and Announcements – Multiple TAC Members

There will be a Public Information meeting regarding the Ocean Blvd Project (Hampton 40797) on March 5, 2024 beginning at 5:30 at the Seashell Complex in Hampton Beach. Construction on the northern portion of the East Coast Greenway is progressing quickly. Focus this spring is adding lighting and safety improvements at grade crossings. Expected to be completed this year.

7. Project Updates

A project updates memo was provided to TAC members no discussion occurred due to lack of time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 14:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Advisory Committee

From: Dave Walker, Assistant Director

Date: 3/21/2024

RE: 2023 TIP Amendment #5

Attached is a report that lists the changes that Amendment #5 proposes to make to the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (covering fiscal years 2023-2026) within the Rockingham Planning Commission region. This information is also available on the RPC website (www.therpc.org), along with the full statewide revision report for those interested in the proposed changes to projects from other parts of the state.

Overall, there are three requested changes (1 Statewide and 2 Regional projects) that RPC must address as part of Amendment #5. These are all cost and/or schedule changes to existing projects. The project listings in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) are being updated at the same time to maintain consistency between the two documents. As part of the public engagement process for Amendment #5, the MPO is conducting a public comment period between March 29, 2024 and April 9, 2024 and a public engagement portal will be made available to collect any comments received (<https://publicinput.com/rpc2023tipamendments>). A final opportunity for comments will be during a public hearing at the **April 10, 2024 MPO Policy Committee Meeting**. Action will be taken on the amendment at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Analysis

This amendment changes results in a net increase in funding during the TIP years (2023-2026) of \$3,073,472 due to the \$8.3 million increase in funding for the BRIDGE-T1/2-M&P program offset by a \$5 million decrease in TIP funding for Portsmouth 20258 and \$300,000 decrease for Exeter 40623. Portsmouth 20258 construction is largely delayed beyond 2026 (last year of current TIP/STIP) while the Bridge program is receiving and influx of resources for additional construction. Additionally, the construction phase of Exeter 40623 is delayed to 2032 and ROW pushed off to 2029

Table 1 provides a brief overview of the changes to each project, as well as the general reasoning for that change. There are two cost columns included. The first shows the net change in funding during the TIP years (2023-2026) while the second shows the total cost of the project, including years before and after the current TIP. Attached is the full report that provides the year-by-year cost and schedule details of each project within the TIP time frame and compares the existing status with the changes proposed in Amendment #4. The report also includes statewide fiscal constraint documentation for the revision.

Comments Received

The comment period has not started for Amendment #5 and no comments have been received to date.

Recommendation

Based on the information provided regarding the movement of projects in time, and changes in scope and cost, staff concludes that:

- The fiscal constraint of the TIP/STIP is maintained per the DOT fiscal constraint documentation (FORTHCOMING – Will Be sent separately) and included in the informational packet on the MPO Website.
- As of July 20, 2013, all of New Hampshire is unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (the 2008 ozone standard) and as of April 6, 2015, the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (the 1997 ozone standard) is revoked for all purposes, including transportation conformity purposes in the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE) NH area. For this reason, no air quality conformity analysis is necessary.
- Consistent with the RPC's Public Participation Process, this notice and comment period is also intended to meet FTA requirements for public comment on the programs of transit projects put forward by NHDOT, UNH and the COAST and CART transit systems.

Proposed Motion:

RPC Transportation Advisory Committee endorse the changes included in Amendment 5 and recommend approval to the MPO Policy Committee.

Table 1: Summary of Amendment #5 Revisions

Project #	Location	Scope	2023-2026 TIP Funding Change	Total Project Cost*	Reason for Change
40623	EXETER	Bridge replacement to address Priority Bridge carrying NH111A over Little River (Br No 075/078)	(\$337,388)	\$4,339,905	PE shifted to 2026 and ROW phase removed from current TIP/STIP. CON delayed to 2032
20258	PORTSMOUTH	Construct new sidewalk and striped bicycle shoulders and associated drainage along Peverly Hill Road	(\$5,014,140)	\$8,295,051	Most CON funds delayed beyond 2026 (2027 & 2028)
BRIDGE-T1/2-M&P	PROGRAM	Maintenance & Preservation of Tier 1 & 2 bridges	\$8,425,000	\$202,057,000	Increased Funding for CON portion of Program
Total Net Change			(\$3,073,472)		

* Total Project Cost includes years before, during, and beyond those in the 2023-2026 STIP/TIP



Revision: A05Y23
 Docket Detail: 2023 TIP Amendment 5
 Approval Date: 4/10/2024

EXETER (40623)

APPROVED

Project Route/Location: **NH 111A**

Scope: Bridge Replacement to address Priority Bridge carrying NH 111A over Little River (Br No 075/078)

	Fiscal Year				Funding Source			TIPTotal	Funding Programs
	2023	2024	2025	2026	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER		
PE		\$282,700		\$375,023	\$657,723			\$657,723	STBG-FLEX, Toll Credit, STBG50to200K
ROW				\$250,015	\$250,015			\$250,015	STBG50to200K, Toll Credit
		\$282,700		\$282,700	\$907,738			\$907,738	

Regionally Significant: N CAA Code: E-19 Managed By: DOT RPCS: RPC Total Project Cost: \$3,695,802

EXETER (40623)

PENDING

Project Route/Location: **NH 111A**

Scope: Bridge Replacement to address Priority Bridge carrying NH 111A over Little River (Br No 075/078)

	Fiscal Year				Funding Source			TIPTotal	Funding Programs
	2023	2024	2025	2026	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER		
PE				\$570,350	\$570,350			\$570,350	STBG50to200K, Toll Credit
					\$570,350			\$570,350	

Regionally Significant: N CAA Code: E-19 Managed By: DOT RPCS: RPC Total Project Cost: \$4,339,905

PORTSMOUTH (20258)**APPROVED**Project Route/Location: **Peverly Hill Rd.****Scope:** Const. new sidewalk and striped bicycle shoulders and associated drainage along Peverly Hill Road.

	Fiscal Year				Funding Source			TIPTotal	Funding Programs
	2023	2024	2025	2026	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER		
PE	\$150,000	\$130,000			\$224,000		\$56,000	\$280,000	CMAQ, Towns, STBG50to200K
ROW	\$100,000	\$150,000			\$200,000		\$50,000	\$250,000	CMAQ, Towns, STBG50to200K
CON			\$7,072,340		\$4,322,216		\$2,750,124	\$7,072,340	CMAQ, Towns, STBG50to200K
	\$250,000	\$280,000	\$7,072,340	\$280,000	\$4,746,216		\$2,856,124	\$7,602,340	
Regionally Significant:	N	CAA Code: E-33	Managed By: Muni/Local	RPCS: RPC	Total Project Cost: \$8,160,647				

PORTSMOUTH (20258)**PENDING**Project Route/Location: **Peverly Hill Rd.****Scope:** Const. new sidewalk and striped bicycle shoulders and associated drainage along Peverly Hill Road.

	Fiscal Year				Funding Source			TIPTotal	Funding Programs
	2023	2024	2025	2026	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER		
PE	\$150,000	\$130,000			\$224,000		\$56,000	\$280,000	Towns, CMAQ, STBG50to200K
ROW	\$100,000	\$150,000			\$200,000		\$50,000	\$250,000	Towns, CMAQ, STBG50to200K
CON			\$2,058,200		\$358,560		\$1,699,640	\$2,058,200	Towns, TAP50-200K, NonPar-Other
	\$250,000	\$280,000	\$2,058,200	\$280,000	\$782,560		\$1,805,640	\$2,588,200	
Regionally Significant:	N	CAA Code: E-33	Managed By: Muni/Local	RPCS: RPC	Total Project Cost: \$8,295,051				

PROGRAM (BRDG-T1/2-M&P)**APPROVED**Project Route/Location: **Tier 1-2 Bridges****Scope:** Maintenance & preservation of tier 1 & 2 bridges.

	Fiscal Year				Funding Source			TIPTotal	Funding Programs
	2023	2024	2025	2026	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER		
PE	\$650,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$950,000			\$950,000	NHPP, STBG-FLEX, Toll Credit
ROW	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$100,000			\$100,000	NHPP, STBG-FLEX, Toll Credit
CON	\$14,900,000	\$7,550,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,700,000	\$32,150,000			\$32,150,000	NHPP, STBG-FLEX, Toll Credit, STBG<5K
	\$15,575,000	\$7,675,000	\$5,125,000	\$7,675,000	\$33,200,000			\$33,200,000	
Regionally Significant:	N	CAA Code: ALL	Managed By: DOT	RPCS: Statewide	Total Project Cost: \$193,632,000				

PROGRAM (BRDG-T1/2-M&P)**PENDING**Project Route/Location: **Tier 1-2 Bridges****Scope:** Maintenance & preservation of tier 1 & 2 bridges.

	Fiscal Year				Funding Source			TIPTotal	Funding Programs
	2023	2024	2025	2026	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER		
PE	\$650,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$950,000			\$950,000	NHPP, STBG-FLEX, Toll Credit
ROW	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$100,000			\$100,000	NHPP, STBG-FLEX, Toll Credit
CON	\$14,900,000	\$8,225,000	\$8,725,000	\$8,725,000	\$40,575,000			\$40,575,000	STBG<5K, Toll Credit, NHPP, STBG-FLEX
	\$15,575,000	\$8,350,000	\$8,850,000	\$8,350,000	\$41,625,000			\$41,625,000	
Regionally Significant:	N	CAA Code: ALL	Managed By: DOT	RPCS: Statewide	Total Project Cost: \$202,057,000				