

RPC Transportation Advisory Committee
May 23, 2024
12:00-2:00 PM

RPC Offices

156 Water Street, Exeter, NH

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/X9AvHrcfy2SivYDx7>

There is an elevator available via the Center Street entrance.

Virtual Participation via Zoom

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of 4/25/2024 Meeting (**Attachment #1**) — **[Motion Required]** (5 minutes)
3. Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Safety Assessment – Bill Lambert/Corey Spetelunas, NHDOT (45 Minutes)
4. 2025 Project Selection Criteria Weighting (**Attachment #2**) – **[Motion Required]** Dave Walker (45 minutes)
5. Agency and Community announcements and updates (20 minutes)
6. 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

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Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
RPC Offices, 156 Water Street, Exeter NH
April 25, 2024

Members Present: S. Kizza (Brentwood); A. Nolan (Epping); B. Dion (Greenland); J. Lavacchia (Hampstead); J. Lynch (Hampton); P. Coffin (Kingston); R. Bryan (New Castle); S. Kroner (North Hampton); T. Moore (Plaistow); E. Eby (Portsmouth); D. Seiglie (Rye); M. Connors (Stratham); R. Nichols (COAST); J. Wilcox, (NHDES); J. Wade (NHDES); L. St. John (NH DOT); L. Levine (FHWA).

Staff: D. Walker (Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Senior Transportation Planner); M. Jerominek (Transportation 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 3/28/2024 Meetings

Minutes of the meetings were approved without discussion. **Motion: T. Moore; Seconded by P. Coffin.**

3. COAST Update – R. Nichols (COAST)

Nichols provided an overview of the COAST mission and the agency's role as economic driver in the region. COAST supports senior travel, provides access to employment and other opportunities, as well as supporting social services with regional connectivity. Ridership is rebounding from low volumes seen during the pandemic and full staffing has returned temporarily suspended services to operation. COAST is receiving requests to expand service to new areas of the region but the agency is limited by funding constraints. COAST is working with communities and partners to address funding shortfalls including looking for additional state and federal funds, philanthropic support, and municipal funding. They are continuing to work on the design for the new maintenance and operations facilities and have secured 82% of the necessary funding. COAST is also working with the statewide public transportation coalition to address statewide funding needs as well as operationally-focused safety measures.

4. Regional Master Plan – Transportation Related Feedback from the March RPC meeting – M. Jerominek

Jerominek provided an overview of the transportation-related feedback collected at the March 13 All-Ages Community Engagement Forum. She explained that feedback collected from the public will serve the Long Range Transportation Plan and Regional Master Plan. Jerominek presented the feedback by sharing the post-it note comments collected, the main themes of comment, and top needs identified. Themes and needs in the feedback collected included a need for public transit in the region, greater multimodal connectivity between neighborhoods

and activity centers, and preparing for various future climate-related scenarios such as flooding or sea level rise.

5. LRTP Survey Update – M. Jerominek

Jerominek provided an update on the status of the LRTP survey. The survey is currently live and being distributed electronically at <https://publicinput.com/LRTP>. Further outreach efforts are anticipated this summer and related to the regional master plan update.

6. 2025 Project Selection Criteria Review – D. Walker

Walker reviewed the prioritization process as well as the distribution of projects into groups based on scale (local, regional, inter-regional). He covered the eight project selection criteria defining each, as well as discussing the focus of the evaluation, and the relative importance for each “scale” of project. He then covered the criteria weighting process including how the weights are calculated and provided examples distributions. Finally, he conducted a walk-through of the survey to show TAC members how to set priorities. The survey for TAC members would be opened the next day (4/29/2024) and would close on May 15. The results of the survey will be tabulated and presented to the TAC at the May meeting

7. Agency Updates and Announcements – Multiple TAC Members

Not enough time was available to cover this topic at the meeting.

8. Open Discussion/Comments

A project updates memo was provided to TAC members.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Transportation Advisory Committee

From: Dave Walker, Assistant Director

Date: 05/17/2024

RE: 2024-2025 Project Solicitation and Selection Process

The responses from the Project Selection Criteria Survey have been tallied and draft weights have been calculated for each category and criterion at each project scale. Eleven TAC members completed the survey and the results, in the form of draft weights, are in the table on page 2. The TAC will discuss the draft weights at the meeting next Thursday and can modify them as part of that discussion. The weights approved by the TAC will be utilized to assess the projects in the LRTP and any new projects received via the process discussed at previous meetings. Full details on the project selection criteria and the project selection process can be found on the RPC website:

<http://www.therpc.org/projectselection>

Recommendation

Approve project selection criteria weights for the 2024-2025 cycle.

DRAFT Project Selection Criteria Weights for 2022

	Local	Regional	Inter- Regional
Economic Development	9%	9%	12%
Improving Access	57%	57%	57%
Easing Goods Movement	43%	43%	43%
Equity, Accessibility & Environmental Justice	12%	8%	8%
Expanding Transportation Choice	41%	41%	41%
Removing Barriers to Access	59%	59%	59%
Mobility	6%	14%	10%
Congestion at location	60%	60%	60%
Effectiveness at congestion reduction	40%	40%	40%
Natural Hazards Resiliency	8%	9%	6%
Level of Risk from Natural Hazards	52%	52%	52%
Mitigation from project	48%	48%	48%
Network Significance	13%	16%	19%
Traffic Volume	41%	41%	41%
Route Importance to network	59%	59%	59%
Safety	20%	18%	19%
Crash History	30%	30%	30%
Safety Benefits	70%	70%	70%
State of Repair	16%	17%	16%
Current Infrastructure Condition	59%	59%	59%
Reduced Maintenance Requirements	41%	41%	41%
Support	9%	8%	12%
Community Priority	34%	34%	34%
Regional Support	32%	32%	32%
Critical Need	34%	34%	34%