

**Transportation Advisory Committee
Rockingham Planning Commission**

**January 24, 2019
RPC Conference Room, Exeter NH**

Members Present: R. McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); J. Walker (Portsmouth); D. Sharples (Exeter); R. Nichols (COAST); R. Clark (Atkinson); T. Moore (Plaistow); E. Strachan (NHDES); A. Garron (Salem); T. Austin (Stratham)

Staff: D. Walker (Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Sr. Transportation Planner); A. Pettengill (Business Manager)

- 1. Chairman McDermott convened the meeting at 9 a.m.**
- 2. Minutes of December 6, 2018**

*Clark moved to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2018 as presented; Moore seconded. **SO VOTED.***

- 3. Draft 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – D. Walker**

Walker explained that a new TIP and 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan need to be adopted and are currently in the middle of the 30 day comment period. Once the MPO approves the TIP & Plan, all the TIPs in the State are combined to form the STIP and then the feds can approve the STIP and projects can move forward.

Walker reviewed projects included in the TIP which included up to date project information and adjustments to air quality conformity. Walker also reviewed the 2045 Long Range Plan project list which included multi year regional highway, transit, bridge, bicycle and pedestrian improvements projects scheduled for implementation in the MPO area over the next four federal fiscal years and interim updates focused on maintaining consistency with the TIP and Ten Year Plan. He noted the Plan must continue to maintain fiscal constraint and incorporate Performance Based Planning requirements as well. Discussion followed on some specific projects. Walker noted that the RPC will take a project from any town at any time, and when priorities are required by the NHDOT we will add those projects into the next cycle of the Ten Year Plan. He suggested communities start thinking and planning now for the next round and noted he would like to produce a calendar for distribution which calls out specific dates for the communities to follow.

4. Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan – (LRTP) S. Bogle

Bogle reviewed the fiscally constrained project list for the Long Range Transportation Plan including several changes to analysis of project location and expanding transit access.

*J. Walker moved to recommend adoption of the 2020-2022 TIP and 2045 Long Range Plan to the Policy Committee including a suggested amendment from Sharples on the Exeter project; Moore seconded. **SO VOTED.***

5. Hampton Branch Rail Trail Update – S. Bogle

Bogle noted that it appears the NHDOT and PanAm have come to terms with maintenance of the Hampton Branch Trail, however the RPC is working on a draft trail management agreement that includes municipalities since they are partners in maintaining the trail as well. Discussion followed.

6. Public/Private Partnership (P3) Commission proposal for Transit Center leases – S. Bogle

Bogle explained that a public/private partnership or (P3) Committee was established to attract private investment for the State's expansion and modernization of transportation infrastructure. Letters of interest were solicited by the State and some of the responses included: Welcome Center on I93; NH 16 Truck Stop; NH 16 Welcome/Service Center; and a Dover/Portsmouth Transit Center. Bogle reviewed several of the proposals and discussion followed on specifics with each and impacts to communities. Bogle asked that anyone with input from their communities on any of the project ideas please forward it to him.

7. Project Updates

Walker distributed a Project Update Memo and flyers regarding the Kittery & Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Joint Land Use Study and upcoming Hampton Harbor Bridge Public Information meeting.

Nichols stated that COAST is currently getting a \$500,000 line of credit to assist with their operations during the federal shutdown and hopeful that the line of credit and current reserves will get them through March.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Pettengill, Recording Secretary