

**Transportation Advisory Committee  
Rockingham Planning Commission****December 15, 2019  
RPC Conference room, Exeter NH**

**Members Present:** R. McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); M. Stowell (PDA); K Makinen (Salem); T. Moore (Plaistow); D. Baxter (Seabrook); L. Levine (FHWA); E. Strachan (NHDES); L. Dusenberry (NHDOT)

**Staff:** D. Walker (AD/Transportation Program Manager); S. Bogle (Sr. Transportation Planner); A. Pettengill (Business Manager)

- 1. Chairman McDermott convened the meeting at 9 a.m.**
- 2. Minutes of September 26, 2019**

*Strachan moved to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2019 as presented; Makinen seconded. SO VOTED. 2 abstentions*

- 3. 2019 TIP Amendment #2 – D. Walker, RPC**

Walker stated that Amendment #2 of the 2019 TIP covers 6 regional and 3 statewide project changes being proposed to the TIP. He noted the Long Range Transportation Plan is also being updated to maintain consistency between the project lists in the two documents. The 30 day public hearing comment period began on November 11<sup>th</sup> and will end on December 10, 2019. A public hearing will be held at the RPC Office on December 11<sup>th</sup>. At that time the MPO will take action on the amendment.

Walker reviewed all the projects with funding and/or timing changes. He noted the MPO is still required to maintain fiscal constraint and is relying on the previous analysis to maintain air quality conformity. Discussion followed on specifics with particular projects. Moore moved to approve the project changes identified in 2019 TIP Amendment #2; Stowell seconded. SO VOTED.

- 4. GACIT Ten Year Plan Hearings – wrap up – D. Walker, RPC**

Walker noted that 4 hearings were held in the RPC region and approximately 27% of the comments received were about expanding transit options such as bike & pedestrian and 27% supported additional funding. Discussion followed. Walker stated that GACIT recommendations include the State bonding \$44 million in general obligation bonds to advance 36 municipal

bridge projects and other changes to construction dates. Bogle noted that the GACIT recommended changes to the CMAQ program and Bogle distributed a handout titled "Who Needs Transportation? A Snapshot of Transit Need in NH". This document is a snapshot of transit needs in the State and reviews the coming needs of aging & disabled population and how public transportation resources will have to increase to meet those demands. One of the key takeaways is that NH invests .51/capita for public transportation, while states like North Dakota, a rural state w/ half of NH's population, falls within the median state investment category into public transportation at \$5.45/capita.

Walker spoke to NHDOT's Corridor Study program which will include two corridor studies each year; NH125 & NH108 are currently on NHDOT's list but have not been selected for implementation.

**5. Route 33 Congestion Analysis – C. Matthews, RPC**

Matthews gave some background about the Route 33 corridor from the Stratham Traffic Circle to I95. He explained the data source and analysis method to determine different travel time reliability measures. He showed different measures at different times of the day and historically (from 2016-2019). Travel times reliability measures (Travel Time Index and Planning Time Index Discussion) have not increased since 2016. Discussion followed.

**6. Project Updates – Update Distributed; Walker noted there is a link on the Project Updates sheet to view the Draft of the 10 Year Plan.**

<https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ/index.htm>

*Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Pettengill, Recording Secretary

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