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RPC TAC MEETING

Minutes

March 24, 2016
RPC Conference Room

Members Present: Art Ditto, Chair, Rye; Richard McDermott, Hampton Falls; Steve Gerrato, Greenland; Juliet Walker, Portsmouth; Joan Whitney, Kensington; Dave Sharples, Exeter; Tavis Austin, Stratham; Brian Deguzis, COAST; Mark Nelson, CART; Carol Macuch, NH DOT; Chris Skoglund, NH DES; and Leigh Levine, FHWA.

Staff Present: Cliff Sinnott, Dave Walker, Scott Bogle, and Roxanne Rines, RPC.

Meeting Opened at 9:02 a.m.

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what municipality they were from or the agency they represented.

2. Minutes of February 25, 2016, TAC Meeting

Motion: **McDermott** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2016, as written. **Gerrato** seconded the motion. **Motion carried Whitney abstaining.**

3. Hampton TIGER Grant Proposal – Letter of Support

D. Walker stated John Nyhan sent an email saying that the Hampton Beach Area Commission is going to hold off on applying for a TIGER grant until next fiscal year. The project isn't quite ready, more information and details are needed.

Item #4 was moved to allow Juliet Walker time to arrive.

5. TIP Amendment #3

D. Walker stated there are 7 changes totaling about \$3 million within the region, which is a much smaller amendment than normal. The 10-day comment period will end the night before the MPO meeting and will be voted on then. He reviewed the seven changes. The amendment remains fiscally constrained.

Motion: **Whitney** made a motion that the TAC Committee recommend approval of TIP Amendment

#3 to the Policy Committee for their approval. **J Walker** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

4. Draft Ten Year Plan project swap

J. Walker stated the City has written a letter to DOT asking to swap the Maplewood Avenue RR Crossing project for the Market Street RR Crossing project. She stated that DOT is looking for a letter of support from the TAC Committee.

Motion: McDermott made a motion that staff write a letter of support for the above swap of projects. **Whitney** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Item #6 was moved to allow Cliff Sinnott time to arrive.

7. Long Range Transportation Plan Update: Discussion of Regional Background, Existing Conditions and Issues and Challenges

Bogle reviewed the updates made to the above sections thus far and gave brief explanations. He reviewed a powerpoint presentation that included population estimates, scenario planning, vehicle miles traveled and etc. Discussion ensued. He asked members to get any comments to him by April 15th. The Policy Committee will be given a presentation at the April MPO Meeting. **Bogle** reviewed the remaining timeframe. Discussion ensued.

6. CMAQ Update

Sinnott stated there is not a lot to report and that a new CMAQ round is not scheduled yet. He distributed handouts that were part of the CMAQ Advisory Committee meeting in January and reviewed. DOT thinks there could be a new CMAQ round in the fall of 2016. Discussion ensued about changes made in funding the CMAQ program and the flexing of funds.

8. Website Preview

D. Walker gave a presentation of the new website, which should be launched on April 1st.

9. Project Updates

A handout was distributed with other project updates and discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines
Recording Secretary