

## RPC TAC MEETING

### Minutes

December 7, 2017  
RPC Conference Room

**Members Present:** Richard McDermott, Chair, Hampton Falls; Ken Christiansen, Brentwood; Chris Cross, Newington; Steve Gerrato, Greenland; Tim Moore, Plaistow; Gregg Mikolaities, Rye; Karri Makinen, Salem; Dave Baxter, Seabrook, and Elizabeth Strachan, NH DES.

**Staff Present:** Tim Roache, Dave Walker, Scott Bogle, and Roxanne Rines, RPC.

**Meeting Opened at 9:00 a.m.**

#### 1. Introductions

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

#### 2. Minutes of September 28, 2017, TAC Meeting

**Motion:** **Christiansen** made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2017, as written. **Mikolaities** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with 2 abstentions.**

#### 3. Minutes of October 26, 2017, TAC Meeting

**Gerrato** stated the meeting adjourned at 10:45 not 11:45 am.

**Motion:** **Christiansen** made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2017, with the above change. **Cross** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with 2 abstentions.**

#### 4. 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #3

**D. Walker** stated the changes to the Transportation Improvement Program included in Amendment #3. He reviewed the changes with a PowerPoint presentation.

**Motion:** **Christiansen** made a motion to recommend approval of 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #3 to the MPO Policy Committee. **Gerrato** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Walker** spoke of holding a training session for TAC members during a meeting when there are not a lot of items on the agenda.

#### 5. MPO Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Targets

**D. Walker** provided an overview of the Federal requirements for the establishment of MPO Highway Safety

Improvement Program performance targets. Walker explained the data, methodology, and coordination process used to develop the safety targets for the state of New Hampshire and how that data is applied at the regional level. Walker explained that while the MPO could establish its own regional HSIP performance targets that it was the recommendation of FHWA and NHDOT that for this initial measurement period that the MPO support the state of New Hampshire HSIP Targets in all five mandated areas.

**Motion:** **Christiansen** made a motion to recommend adoption of the State of New Hampshire 2018 HSIP Targets as the MPO HSIP Performance Targets to the MPO Policy Committee. **Cross** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

## **6. CMAQ Update**

**Bogle** stated that the CMAQ funding cycle is nearing conclusion. Twenty three CMAQ applications had been received statewide requesting \$19.4 million as compared to \$13.5 million available for the two year funding round. In the RPC region six applications were received requesting \$6.0 million in CMAQ funding. The MPOs worked jointly with NHDOT to develop Air Quality analyses, while NHDOT staff completed the rest of the project evaluation. MPO staff have significant concerns about the process as driven by the Executive Council, but in terms of likely project selection the result appears positive for MPO communities. Five of the six projects from the RPC region were recommended by NHDOT for funding. These included: NNEPRA Newfields-Exeter Siding Upgrade, COAST Fleet Replacement (3 buses), UNH Wildcat Transit Fleet Replacement (4 buses), Portsmouth Elwyn Road Multi-Use Path, and Phase III of the Salem Rail Trail. Staff have submitted process concerns to NHDOT and Executive Councilor Prescott, who has been receptive to RPC/MPO input.

## **7. GACIT Hearings/Ten Year Plan Update/Proposed Toll Increase**

Roche provided an update on the status of the Ten Year Plan and the GACIT meeting to discuss changes to the Ten Year Plan based on what was heard at the public hearings around the state. The draft Ten Year Plan includes a proposed increase in the toll rates. The draft includes the recommended projects proposed by the MPO and requested changes. Roche detailed the proposed toll increase as they would apply to each toll plaza as well as the expansion of the turnpike system that would free up \$180-\$200 million to fund other projects around the state.

## **8. Meeting Schedule for 2018**

The meeting schedule for 2018 is included on the Agenda for each month and for this meeting was updated to show the proposed 2018 meeting dates.

## **9. Project Updates**

A handout was distributed with other project updates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Walker