

**RPC Transportation Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**February 22, 2018  
Exeter Town Office – Nowak Room  
Exeter, NH**

**Members Present:** Richard McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); Dave Baxter (Seabrook); Gregg Mikolaities (Rye); Stephen Gerrato (Greenland); Elizabeth Strachan (NHDES); Eric Eby (Portsmouth); Karri Makinen (Salem); Ken Christiansen (Brentwood); Rad Nichols (COAST); Dave Sharples (Exeter); Richard Hartung (Hampstead); Tim Moore (Plaistow); Tavis Austin (Stratham)

**Guests:** Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)

**Staff:** Dave Walker, Scott Bogle, Annette Pettengill, RPC

- 1. Chairman McDermott convened the meeting at 9 a.m. and attendees introduced themselves**
- 2. Minutes of December 7, 2017**

*Christiansen moved to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2017 as presented; Gerrato seconded. **SO VOTED** 1 abstention*

- 3. TIP Amendment #4**

Walker referred to Attachment 2 and reviewed the changes proposed to the 2017-2010 TIP and STIP. He noted the public comment period will be March 12-April 10<sup>th</sup>. The net increase in funding for the projects is just over \$11 million. He reviewed several new CMAQ projects and project scope changes to existing projects, along with funding/cost changes. He explained that NHDOT has not released Fiscal Constraint yet and Air Quality Conformity is not necessary as the region remains in Attainment. Amendment #4 is scheduled to go before the Policy Committee in April. *Moore moved to Recommend approval of Amendment #4 for the 2017-2020 TIP to the MPO Policy Committee pending fiscal constraint; Gerrato seconded. **SO VOTED.***

- 4. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure-NHDES**

Jessica Wilcox, Program Coordinator for Clean City, NHDES, gave a presentation on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in the region. She explained that it's estimated there will be 266,000 electric vehicles on the road by the year 2030, especially with the cost of batteries decreasing, increased of miles per charge on most models, and reduced maintenance costs. She explained BEV and PHEV cars. She reviewed the types of

charging stations available and discussed how municipalities can start planning for charging station installations in the future by including necessary components into the construction phase of projects on municipal property or parking lots. She explained that NH needs a comprehensive State Charging Plan for EVs and more promotion of electric vehicles within the municipalities, via tax credits and zoning and building codes. Discussion followed on municipality costs to install charging stations, locations already in existence, and the options for school bus companies and DPWs to use EVs.

## **5. Legislative Update**

Bogle distributed a Memo listing four bills the RPC is tracking currently and reviewed each (SB560 Updating State Trails Plan; HB1731 Regulating Bicycles; HB1763 Road Usage Fee; HB1616 RPCs and government funding). Discussion followed regarding the road usage fees and also on the status of rail trail from Hampton to Portsmouth. General consensus was that the HB1763 Road Usage Fees be brought forward to the MPO for discussion.

## **6. TAC Training**

Walker presented information on the MPO transportation planning process and MPO Core Functions. He reviewed the Transportation Advisory Committee's role in Plan development, and function within the MPO.

## **7. Project Updates – Distributed; No discussion**

Bogle noted that the RPC email has been sent to many people's spam folders lately and it might be necessary to check your spam folder if you haven't received any recent emails from the RPC. If you find one in the spam folder simply mark it as Not being Spam and the system will learn and correct the problem for future emails.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Pettengill, Recording Secretary