

**Transportation Advisory Committee
Rockingham Planning Commission**

**March 28, 2019
RPC Conference Room, Exeter NH**

Members Present: R. McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); D. Sharples (Exeter); T. Moore (Plaistow); C. Jacobs (Hampton); M. Stowell (PDA); L. St. John (NHDOT); T. White (NHDES); A. Garron (Salem); R. Clark (Atkinson); L. Levine (FHWA); T. Komornick (Merrimack Valley Planning Commission); T. Austin (Stratham)

Staff: D. Walker (Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Sr. Transportation Planner); C. Matthews (GIS/Transportation Analyst); A. Pettengill (Business Manager)

- 1. Chairman McDermott convened the meeting at 9 a.m.**
- 2. Minutes of January 24, 2019**

*Clark moved to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2019 as presented; Christiansen seconded.
SO VOTED (2 abstentions)*

- 3. Notes of February 28, 2019 Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan Workshop (Informational Only)**
- 4. Draft 2020-21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – D. Walker**

Walker explained the UPWP which guides the work of the MPO and how that work is funded. He reviewed requirements of the FAST ACT and the Performance Goals required under FAST ACT as well. He outlined the nine planning emphasis areas from FHWA which include the three MPO Planning Priorities: planning and environmental linkages; livability and sustainability; and congestion management. He noted that there are some edits still needed in the UPWP document and those will be forthcoming. *Christiansen moved to approve the UPWP FY 20/21 to include necessary technical edits and changes as anticipated; Sharples seconded. **SO VOTED.** Discussion followed.*

- 5. Ten Year Plan Project Prioritization - D.Walker**

Walker stated that the MPO has received NHDOT's reviews of the priority Ten Year Plan project proposals that were approved by the TAC in December. He referred to NHDOT's memo in Attachment 4. Walker reviewed the changes that DOT made, mostly cost adjustments, and the reasons for those adjustments. There was discussion on project cost changes and budget capping proposed by DOT for the federal participation portion. Walker explained that the TAC

needs to cut the budget by \$220, 000 and therefore remove a project from the list. Discussion followed on specific projects and their merits. *Sharples moved to recommend to the Policy Committee the prepared list of Project Recommendations with the removal of either Arboretum Drive project or Grafton Drive project at Pease; Jacobs seconded. **SO VOTED.***

6. Stratham Safe Routes to School Project – S. Bogle

Bogle noted that the SRTS project is near completion and a draft Plan has been presented to the SRTS Committee and the Stratham Planning Board has recommended approval to the Board of Selectmen. He reviewed the work done by the RPC which included planning, mapping, public input, surveys, and data collection and discussed key issues and challenges. The next step is for the Board of Selectmen to review and adopt the Plan, inclusion into the Stratham Master Plan, maintain and grow the SRTS Committee, implement non-infrastructure grant projects, and work toward larger infrastructure projects.

7. Project Updates (distributed)

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Pettengill, Recording Secretary

