

**MINUTES**  
**Rockingham Planning Commission**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**December 2, 2021**

**RPC Offices**  
**156 Water Street, Exeter**  
**Virtual Participation via Zoom meeting**

**Members Present:** R. McDermott (H. Falls); P. Coffin (Kingston); R. Nichols (COAST); T. White (NHDES); S. Casella (Portsmouth); L. St. John (NHDOT); J. Hale (Hampton); M. Scruton (Greenland)

**Guests:** R. DiCillo (NHDES); J. Wilcox (NHDES/GSCCC)

**Staff:** D. Walker (Transp Mgr/Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Sr. Transp Plnr); T. Roache (Executive Director); A. Pettengill (Business Manager)

- 1. Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. (All attendees on Zoom) and introductions were made.**
- 2. Minutes of October 28, 2021 – Tabled until next meeting**
- 3. Volkswagen Settlement Update – Tim White, NHDES Air Resources**

White gave an update on the 2017 Volkswagen emissions settlement and explained that a Trust was set up for mitigation. NH gets \$30.9 million as a beneficiary of that environmental mitigation trust. He reviewed how the Trust will split out the funding for ten specific mitigation items. White also explained how some of the funding has been spent to date.

- 4. NH Clean Diesel Program and Granite State Clean Cities Coalition – Ricky DiCillo/Jessica Wilcox, NHDES Air Resources**

Ricky DiCillo gave an overview of the NH State Clean Diesel Program for FY21. Purpose of program is to improve NH's air quality and reduce diesel emissions. Approximately \$800,000 in funding is available for eligible entities to use to replace diesel vehicles, engines, or equipment as well as other emission reduction strategies. DiCillo also covered eligibility requirements, funding percentages for different types of projects, timeframes for applications, how to apply, and the general application scoring process.

Jessica Wilcox provided an overview of the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition which seeks to reduce petroleum use in transportation through the use of domestically produced, cleaner burning alternative fuels and other fuel reduction strategies. Using less diesel and gasoline in our vehicles helps to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil while improving our air

quality. Wilcox discussed the Alternative Fuels Data Center and other tools and resources that GSCCC offers, and webinars that they have conducted.

**5. 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan GACIT Hearings Update – Dave Walker**

Walker provided a brief update on the GACIT hearing process and participation in the four hearings in the RPC region. Hearings occurred in Epping, Kingston, Hampton, and Salem and there was substantial turnout at all but the Salem hearing. GACIT Meeting on December 8 will discuss any changes that may occur before the Draft Ten Year Plan is sent to the Governor. The recent passage of the Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides additional resources to NH that were not planned for in the draft so additional projects may be added.

**6. Topics for future TAC Meetings – Dave Walker/Scott Bogle**

Walker requested that TAC members provide input on different topics beyond the required items such as TIP Amendments that could be discussed at meetings during 2022. Rad Nichols offered to provide an update on COAST's 5-year operating projections and the impacts of the IIJA and implications for matching funds. Autonomous vehicles were also raised as a potential topic.

**7. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Scott Bogle/Dave Walker**

Walker and Bogle provided an overview of the provisions of the Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA) and estimates of funding expected to come to NH.

**8. Other Project Updates – Dave Walker/Scott Bogle**

Bogle provided a brief update on the SWOT analysis conducted related to the Long Range Transportation Plan at the October 28 TAC meeting.

**9. Open Discussion/comments**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 10:07**

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