

MINUTES
Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
June 23, 2022

RPC Offices
156 Water Street, Exeter
In Person and Virtual participation via Zoom
Recording Available Here: <https://youtu.be/49MfdMBBU7s>

Members Present: R. McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); P. Coffin (Kingston); D. Seiglie (Rye); J. Hale (Hampton); E. Eby (Portsmouth); C. Cross (Newington); S. Connors (Stratham); L. St. John (NH DOT); L. Levine (FHWA); P. Mahoney (FHWA); T. White (NHDES);

Guests: None

Staff: D. Walker (Transp Mgr/Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Sr. Transp Plnr)

- 1. Introductions:** Chairman McDermott welcomed those in attendance and Roll Call Attendance was taken.
- 2. Minutes of 5/26/22 TAC Meeting**

*Coffin moved to approve the Minutes of May 26, 2022 meeting as presented; Hale Seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. **SO VOTED.***

- 3. Transportation Project Selection Criteria and Weighting – D. Walker**

Walker gave an overview of the Ten Year Plan project selection criteria weighting process. *Sharples moved to endorse the TIP Amendment #4 and recommend for approval by the MPO Policy Committee; Coffin seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. St. John Abstained. **SO VOTED.***

- 4. Transportation Project Selection Criteria and Weighting – D. Walker**

Walker provided an overview of the project selection process and the Statewide Project Selection Criteria. He covered how relative weights of each criteria are set and the results of the survey of TAC members and how that influenced the outcome and a draft set of weights for each category and criteria was presented. Walker finished by providing an overview of the next steps in the process and what to expect at the July meeting. Projects will be scored based on these criteria weights and a short-list of projects will be developed for TAC review at the July

meeting. Projects will be selected from the short-list for development of scope and cost estimates by the engineering team. Coffin noted that certain types of projects will never score well because they are not traditional highway projects and he would like to find ways to improve the competitiveness of those types of projects. *Coffin moved to approve the RPC Ten Year Plan Project Selection Criteria weights as presented; Seiglie seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. SO VOTED.*

5. Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Program – D. Walker

Walker provided an overview of the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) program that is a new program in the recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program provides competitive grant funding for the development of Safety Action Plans and, once a Safety Action Plan is in place, for implementing safety improvements. Walker covered the components of Safety Action Plans and that RPC is considering applying for a grant either in partnership with communities or with the other 3 NH MPOs and is trying to determine how matching funds could be obtained. Information is being sent to communities to inquire about interest in the program. Discussion followed.

6. Project Updates: Walker & Bogle

The project updates memorandum was distributed to meeting attendees. A brief discussion of Age Friendly Communities survey, the Derry-Salem Region Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Plan update, and the ACT Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Plan update occurred. The memorandum with project updates was emailed to all TAC members post meeting along with a link to the recording.

7. Other Items:

Walker initiated a brief discussion of upcoming efforts from RPC to revitalize TAC participation and that staff will be looking for TAC member input regarding ways to improve participation. This will be an ongoing effort and topic. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary
