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Rockingham Planning Commission MPO Technical Advisory Committee May 26, 2022

RPC Offices

156 Water Street, Exeter

In Person and Virtual participation via Zoom

Recording Available Here: <https://youtu.be/wiGqIK5lvpE>

Members Present: R. McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); D. Sharples (Exeter); R. Nichols (COAST); L. St. John (NHDOT); L. Levine (FHWA); P. Mahoney (FHWA); P. Coffin (Kingston); T. White (NHDES); D. Seiglie (Rye); J. Hale (Hampton); E. Eby (Portsmouth);

Guests: C. Cross (Newington)

Staff: T. Roache (Executive Director); D. Walker (Transp Mgr/Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Sr. Transp Plnr); T. Cheever (Transportation/GIS Analyst)

- 1. Chairman McDermott welcomed those in attendance and stated that under RSA 91-A:2 III (b) The chair is waiving the requirement of a quorum at the physical location of the meeting. Whereas, in order to ensure an uninterrupted flow of federal transportation funding to the region the RPC must act on Amendment 4 to the Transportation Improvement Program. Whereas, the RPC chair has decided that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action due to the ongoing pandemic. Therefore, the RPC will invoke this emergency provision and waive requirement of a quorum at the physical location of the meeting.**

Roll Call Attendance was taken.

- 2. Minutes of 1/27/22 TAC Meeting & Notes from the 4/28/22 TAC Workshop**

*Sharples moved to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2022 meeting as presented; Coffin Seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. **SO VOTED.***

Notes of the 4/28/22 TAC Workshop were presented for TAC information

- 3. TIP Amendment #4 – D. Walker**

Walker gave an overview of the planning process and the TIP amendment process. He reviewed 10 regional projects and 7 statewide project changes contained in this amendment. Four comments had been received to date on the Amendment with three of them requesting projects to be included in the Amendment (Exeter 40436, Newington 42879, and Portsmouth 41752). The fourth comment is in support of advancing Portsmouth 43760 as quickly as possible. He noted that fiscal constraint of the TIP is being maintained and a large balance of funds remain due to the recent adoption of 11JA and ARP funding. Air quality conformity requirements are met based on the existing analysis from 2013. *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 the grouping of projects by scale (Local, Regional, and Inter-Regional), and detailed the eight categories of project selection criteria. Walker reviewed the criteria and considerations within each category. Finally, he detailed options for the TAC to set the “weights” for the criteria to be used in the selection process this round. It was decided by consensus that the TAC would be sent a survey that allowed them to prioritize the eight categories for each scale (Local, Regional, Inter-Regional) and then slider bars to weigh the importance of each criterion within each category. He noted that the MPO can expand the targets and the RPC did this when they included motorcycle fatalities in the performance targets. Question and answers followed Walker’s review. *Coffin moved to approve the RPC 2022 HSIP Performance Targets as presented and recommend approval by the MPO Policy Committee; Nichols seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. SO VOTED.*

5. Long Range Transportation Plan Survey – S. Bogle

Bogle provided an overview of the draft Long Range Transportation Plan public input survey incorporating the changes discussed at the April TAC workshop. Bogle covered the changes that were requested and how they were or were not implemented. TAC members discussed further options and opportunities to improve the instrument and to facilitate public involvement. After incorporating the changes, the instrument will be ready for public release and Bogle covered the various ways it is planned to be distributed.

6. Project Updates: Walker & Bogle

The project updates memorandum was distributed to meeting attendees and emailed to all members post meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary
