

MINUTES
Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
July 28, 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); J. Hale (Hampton); E. Eby (Portsmouth); C. Cross (Newington); M. Connors (Stratham); R. Nichols (COAST); R. DiCillo (NHDES);

Guests: S. Connors (Stratham)

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

- 1. Introductions [0:43 – 2:15]:** Chairman McDermott welcomed those in attendance and Roll Call Attendance was taken.
- 2. Minutes of 6/23/22 TAC Meeting [2:15 – 3:45]**

*Coffin moved to approve the Minutes of June 23, 2022 meeting as presented; Hale Seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. DiCillo abstained. **SO VOTED.***

- 3. NHDES Clean Diesel Grant Program – R. DiCillo (NHDES) [3:45 – 27:58]**

DiCillo provided an overview State Clean Diesel Grant Program for fiscal year 2022 and the timeframes for the current round of funding. He covered the anticipated available funding pool, how the process works, types of projects that are eligible, program restrictions, and when proposals are due (9/9/2022). How projects are scored was covered as well as the expected timeline and availability of funding for future rounds. Nichols questioned the short timeframe in which projects must be completed given the turnaround for new diesel vehicles and especially buses. DiCillo responded that it is expected that extensions could be available for projects like that with EPA approval. Cross asked whether fire equipment would be eligible and DiCillo indicated that possibly, but it will depend on the amount of use that the equipment has. Other discussion occurred.

- 4. Transportation Project Selection Criteria and Weighting – D. Walker [27:58 – 2:09:30]**

Walker provided a short overview of the project selection process, guidance from NHDOT and the timeframes involved. An summary of the new and existing projects in the Long Range Transportation Plan was covered and the process by which staff scored projects to reduce the 169 projects to 15 top priorities for TAC consideration was detailed. The TAC was requested to consider the 15 projects and further reduce the list to 6-8 priorities for scope and cost development. Projects not selected continue to be in the Long Range Transportation Plan and do not need to be resubmitted next cycle. A summary of the each of the 15 projects was presented and questions regarding some of the projects were answered. Discussion of project priorities followed. The end result was 6 projects selected for consideration with two additional to be completed if funding is available: Portsmouth Maplewood Avenue Culvert; Raymond 102/Blueberry Hill intersection; Stratham Gateway Bike/Ped improvements; Hampton High Street resiliency improvements; Portsmouth Traffic Circle redesign; and US 1 resiliency improvements in Hampton/Hampton Falls. If enough funding is available for development of cost estimates, Stratham Circle reconfiguration Ashworth Avenue Complete Streets in Hampton will be assessed as well. *Coffin moved to approve the RPC Ten Year Plan Project Selection Criteria weights as presented; Eby seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. **SO VOTED.***

5. Project Updates: Walker [2:09:30-2:10:30]

Project updates were not discussed at the meeting given the meeting had run long. A memo was circulated with project updates.

6. Other Items/Comments:

None were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary
