

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); D. Sieglie (Rye); M. Scruton (Greenland); P. Coffin (Kingston); J. Hale (Hampton); E. Eby (Portsmouth); C. Cross (Newington); S. Connors (Stratham); R. Nichols (COAST); T. White (NHDES); L. St. John (NHDOT)

Non-voting Members: L. Levine (FHWA)

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

- 1. Introductions [not recorded]:** Chairman McDermott welcomed those in attendance and Roll Call Attendance was taken.
- 2. Minutes of 7/23/22 TAC Meeting [not recorded]**

*Coffin moved to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting as presented; Eby Seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. St. John abstained. **SO VOTED.***

- 3. Region 8/9 Coordinated Human Services Transit Plan – S. Bogle [0:33 – 38:07]**

Working with Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission to update the Coordinated Human Services Transit Plan for the Greater Manchester and Greater Derry-Salem regions. Updated every 5 years typically and this update is the first time the two regions have been merged as it was required after CART merged with the Manchester Transit Authority. Bogle covered the purpose and contents of the plan as well as the changes that have occurred in the region since the last update. Existing services are defined, transit needs are identified, and recommendations are made regarding enhancements to services. Questions and discussion followed. *Nichols moved to recommend approval of the draft plan to the MPO Policy Committee with edits discussed; Coffin seconded. **SO VOTED.***

- 4. Update on Selection of Project for Estimate Development – D. Walker [38:07 – 56:50]**

Walker provided a short review of the project selection process to date and updated the committee on the current status of the work. The work order for the development of cost and scope estimates was completed in August and the consultant began work in early September. Estimates for all 8 “short listed” projects will be completed in time for the October TAC meeting.

5. Project Updates: Walker/Bogle [56:50-1:31:00]

- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ): Walker covered the purpose of CMAQ and the types of projects eligible for the program. He also covered the current understanding of the parameters of the expected funding round this year. It is anticipated that forthcoming guidance may deviate from the information presented at the meeting and the TAC will be updated as more information becomes available. Short discussion followed.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): Walker covered the basic information on the SS4A program and the proposal that RPC jointly submitted with SRPC, SNHPC, and NRPC.
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP): Walker covered the purpose of HSIP and the NHDOT Road Safety Audits (RSA) process.
- Age Friendly Communities Project: Bogle stated that RPC is soliciting for communities to participate in the year two assessments. Bogle discussed the contents of the assessments in response to a question from a TAC member.
- NH Seacoast Greenway: Bogle updated the TAC with information on two design workshops that will be held in October to consider options for trailheads and other aspects of the trails. He also discussed community meetings that have been held discussing needs and design options.

6. Other Items/Comments:

Additional materials will be sent to the TAC after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary
