

MINUTES
Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
October 27, 2022

Virtual participation via Zoom
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Members Present: P. Coffin (Kingston); D. Sharples (Exeter); J. Hale (Hampton); S. Gerrato, Greenland; E. Eby (Portsmouth); C. Cross (Newington); M. Connors (Stratham); R. Nichols (COAST); T. White (NHDES); L. St. John (NHDOT); B. Watson (NHDOT)

Non-voting Members: L. Levine (FHWA)

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

- 1. Introductions [1:25-2:48]:** Walker welcomed those in attendance and Roll Call Attendance was taken.
- 2. Minutes of 9/22/22 TAC Meeting [2:48-4:42]**

*Coffin noted that the date on the minutes reflected the July meeting. Coffin moved to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting with the date corrected; Nichols Seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. St. John abstained. **SO VOTED.***

- 3. HSIP Performance Targets for 2023 – D. Walker [4:42 – 27:10]**

Walker presented the Highway Safety Improvement Program performance targets and discussed the 5 statewide measures and one additional MPO measure. Walker showed the statistics and trends for recent years and identified the statewide targets for 2023. Staff recommended that the MPO support the statewide targets and set an MPO-specific target for motorcycle fatalities. Sharples *moved to recommend to the MPO Policy Committee that the MPO support the NH targets for Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries, Serious Injury Rate, and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries and set an MPO-specific target for Motorcycle Fatalities; Coffin seconded. St. John abstained. **SO VOTED.***

- 4. Ten Year Plan Project Selection – D. Walker [27:10 – 1:08:00]**

Walker provided a short review of the project selection process to date and updated the committee on the current status. The engineering consultant has developed cost estimates for

eight priority projects in the region and the TAC needs to provide a recommendation to the Policy Committee regarding which to advance as candidates to NHDOT. Walker provided overview of the project scopes and estimates and an initial recommendation for projects to submit to NHDOT for review. All eight projects will be submitted but three of them will be “for information purposes only” at this time. *Coffin motioned to recommend to the MPO Policy Committee that Portsmouth Traffic Circle (Portsmouth), NH 102/Blueberry Hill Road (Raymond), Ashworth Avenue (Hampton), Portsmouth Avenue (Stratham), and High Street (Hampton) be advanced for NHDOT scope and cost review. The Maplewood Ave (Portsmouth), Stratham Circle (Stratham), and US 1 (Hampton) projects will be sent as well for information purposes only. Hale seconded. St. John and Sharples abstained. SO VOTED.*

5. NH Seacoast Greenway Community Connections Design Workshops: Bogle [1:08:00-1:46:20]

Bogle provided an overview of the two recent charrettes that developed conceptual designs for trailheads along the NH Seacoast Greenway. With the help of our National Park Service Team and landscape architect Bob White of GPI, RPC held a pair of Community Connections Design Workshops focused on trail access points for the NH Seacoast Greenway. A team of pro bono landscape architects, architects, engineers, and graphic designers toured the corridor, met with members of the public and town officials, and developed design concepts for trailheads and connections to key destinations in each trail host community. The first workshop was held 9/23 at Portsmouth Public Library and focused on four access points in Portsmouth, Rye and Greenland. The second workshop was held 10/21 at North Hampton Town Hall and focused on five locations in North Hampton and Hampton.

6. Project Updates: Walker/Bogle [1:46:20-1:57:42]

- A few additional pieces of information on the CMAQ program were provided to the TAC including updated amounts for maximum federal funds available for a project, the requirement of a letter of intent and pre-application workshop. Discussion followed.
- Project Updates memorandum will be sent to TAC members after the meeting.

7. Other Items/Comments:

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary
