

MINUTES
Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
January 26, 2023

Virtual participation via Zoom

Recording Available Here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBoTO_YWc8M

Members Present: T. Moore (Plaistow); B. Dion (Greenland); P. Coffin (Kingston); D. Sharples (Exeter); J. Hale (Hampton); E. Eby (Portsmouth); M. Connors (Stratham); R. Nichols (COAST); J. Wilcox (NHDES); R. DiCillo, (NHDES); B. Watson, NHDOT; L. St. John, NHDOT;

Non-voting Members: L. Levine (FHWA)

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

1. Introductions [0:06-2:48]: Walker welcomed those in attendance and Roll Call Attendance was taken.

2. Minutes of 10/27/22 TAC Meeting [2:48-5:10]

*Coffin moved to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting as submitted; Sharples Seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. Dion and Moore Abstained. **SO VOTED.***

3. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update – D. Walker [5:10 – 1:01:42]

Walker presented the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and updated Long Range Transportation Plan project list and fiscal constraint. Walker covered background process information, new projects in the TIP, progress on existing projects, fiscal constraint, project costs, and comments received that require changes to the draft. Questions from TAC members were answered and discussed. Moore *moved to recommend adoption of the 2023-2026 TIP and updated 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to the MPO Policy Committee, including changes discussed during the presentation; Coffin seconded.* St. John abstained. **SO VOTED.**

4. Regional Housing Needs Assessment – S. Tatarczuk [1:01:43 – 1:40:07]

Tatarczuk provided an overview of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. She covered the methodology used for the study and the public outreach that was conducted. Population and

demographic projections were covered and shifts in migration patterns in the state. The limitations of the current housing stock were identified and how that impacts the housing market was illustrated. Future housing needs have been estimated and understanding how that impacts transportation and other infrastructure is critical to ensuring sustainable and equitable growth patterns. Questions from the TAC were discussed.

5. 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – D. Walker [1:40:07 – 1:41:12]

Walker stated the purpose of the UPWP and that if TAC members had any thoughts on specific planning work to be included to please contact him with that information.

6. Review of submitted CMAQ Proposals: Bogle [1:41:13-1:56:45]

Bogle provided an overview of the ten applications received for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program within the RPC region. Staff is starting work on the air quality analyses that each of these requires. Staff requested forming a subcommittee of TAC members to evaluate the projects for regional ranking. Sharples, Coffin, and Moore volunteered to serve on the subcommittee as members from communities that have not submitted a CMAQ project proposal. Note: After the meeting an eleventh project was identified as being partially within the RPC region and that will be included in the work that staff does to quantify emissions benefits. In addition, NHDOT recommended that all EV charging projects be deferred for the time being as guidance from FHWA regarding that type of project is still forthcoming as well as concerns regarding public funds for private development.

7. Project Updates: Walker/Bogle [1:56:45-1:58:17]

- Walker shared intent to follow up the TAC meeting with a link to the recording, as well as some additional materials.
- Project Updates memorandum will be sent to TAC members after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary
