MINUTES
Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
RPC Offices, 156 Water Street, Exeter NH
April 25, 2024

Members Present: S. Kizza (Brentwood); A. Nolan (Epping); B. Dion (Greenland); J. Lavacchia (Hampstead); J. Lynch (Hampton); P. Coffin (Kingston); R. Bryan (New Castle); S. Kroner (North Hampton); T. Moore (Plaistow); E. Eby (Portsmouth); D. Seiglie (Rye); M. Connors (Stratham); R. Nichols (COAST); J. Wilcox, (NHDES); J. Wade (NHDES); L. St. John (NHDOT); L. Levine (FHWA).

Staff: D. Walker (Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Senior Transportation Planner); M. Jerominek (Transportation Planner)

1. **Introductions**
   Roll call attendance was taken. Walker indicated that the chair was not attending and that he would run the meeting.

2. **Minutes of 3/28/2024 Meetings**
   Minutes of the meetings were approved without discussion. ***Motion: T. Moore; Seconded by P. Coffin.***

3. **COAST Update – R. Nichols (COAST)**
   Nichols provided an overview of the COAST mission and the agency's role as economic driver in the region. COAST supports senior travel, provides access to employment and other opportunities, as well as supporting social services with regional connectivity. Ridership is rebounding from low volumes seen during the pandemic and full staffing has returned temporarily suspended services to operation. COAST is receiving requests to expand service to new areas of the region but the agency is limited by funding constraints. COAST is working with communities and partners to address funding shortfalls including looking for additional state and federal funds, philanthropic support, and municipal funding. They are continuing to work on the design for the new maintenance and operations facilities and have secured 82% of the necessary funding. COAST is also working with the statewide public transportation coalition to address statewide funding needs as well as operationally-focused safety measures.

4. **Regional Master Plan – Transportation Related Feedback from the March RPC meeting – M. Jerominek**
   Jerominek provided an overview of the transportation-related feedback collected at the March 13 All-Ages Community Engagement Forum. She explained that feedback collected from the public will serve the Long Range Transportation Plan and Regional Master Plan. Jerominek presented the feedback by sharing the post-it note comments collected, the main themes of comment, and top needs identified. Themes and needs in the feedback collected included a need for public transit in the region, greater multimodal connectivity between neighborhoods

and activity centers, and preparing for various future climate-related scenarios such as flooding or sea level rise.

5. **LRTP Survey Update – M. Jerominek**
   Jerominek provided an update on the status of the LRTP survey. The survey is currently live and being distributed electronically at https://publicinput.com/LRTP. Further outreach efforts are anticipated this summer and related to the regional master plan update.

6. **2025 Project Selection Criteria Review – D. Walker**
   Walker reviewed the prioritization process as well as the distribution of projects into groups based on scale (local, regional, inter-regional). He covered the eight project selection criteria defining each, as well as discussing the focus of the evaluation, and the relative importance for each "scale" of project. He then covered the criteria weighting process including how the weights are calculated and provided examples distributions. Finally, he conducted a walk-through of the survey to show TAC members how to set priorities. The survey for TAC members would be opened the next day (4/29/2024) and would close on May 15. The results of the survey will be tabulated and presented to the TAC at the May meeting

7. **Agency Updates and Announcements – Multiple TAC Members**
   Not enough time was available to cover this topic at the meeting.

8. **Open Discussion/Comments**
   A project updates memo was provided to TAC members.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Walker, Recording Secretary