

MINUTES
ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION
Metropolitan Planning Organization
November 13, 2024

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Commissioners/MPO Members: B. Moreau, Chairperson, P. Britz (Portsmouth); G. Coppelman, R. Duguay (Kingston); A. Davis (Hampstead); J. Doggett (Newton Zoom); D. Finan, D Marino (Brentwood); A. Carnaby, B. Kravitz (Hampton); D. Malloy, B. Dion (Greenland); J. Chabot (North Hampton); C. Cross, D. Hebert (Newington); G. English (Exeter); T. Moore (Plaistow) T. King, P. Winslow (Rye) R. Nichols (COAST); G. Davison (NHDOT); B Kravitz (Hampton via Zoom); A. Brubaker (Hampton Falls via Zoom) L. Miner (Fremont)

Guests: D. Altschiller (Stratham); D. Malloy, P Sanderson, K Babin-Johnson, S. Parker, L. Ginnetti, B, McGuerty, M. Boxwell, Z. Pike, J. McDevitt, A. Arbuthrot, E. Bennett, C. Hoonhoot, J. Schindler, C. Hussey, C. Hussey, B. Dion, S. Hamby, M. Kelliher-Hamby, V. Morgan, B Bilodeau, M. Connelly, S. Smith, K. Johnson (Greenland); K. Lucey (NHDES); J. Stevens (Rye); P. Bushway (Hampton).

1. **Introductions:** Chairperson Moreau convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and introductions were made around the room. Roache introduced himself and provided an overview of the RPC and MPO and explained the purpose of the evening's meeting.

2. **Minutes of October 9, 2024**

*Hebert moved to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2024 Meeting as presented; B. Dion seconded. **SO VOTED.***

3. **2023-2026 TIP Amendment #7– D. Walker, RPC Transportation Program Manager**

Walker provided an overview of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and explained the amendment process. Walker reviewed the proposed project changes to the TIP and quantified the changes to status, schedule and funding. Walker reviewed Fiscal Constraint explaining that the MPO cannot program more dollars than are available. He also described that air quality requirements have been met. Finally, Walker described the addition of project 44367 Dover Commute Smart and the addition of the RAISE Grant project listed as Hampton-Hampton Fall 43537. There was a motion to approve TIP Amendment 7 by R. Nichols and a second by C. Cross. P. Winslow questioned the status of pending vs approved projects. Walker clarified the difference. Winslow followed up with a question of the updated revetments along 1A. The MPO staff and NHDOT will follow up with additional information. Dion question if portions of the Rte.

33 Winnicutt Bridge could be added to the TIP. Walker and Roache explained that the project isn't advanced enough to be added to the TIP. R. Nichols spoke in support of project 44367 Dover Commute Smart. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. 2025 Ten Year Plan Project Selection (Attachment #3) – D. Walker, RPC Transportation Program Manager

Roache opened the discussion explaining the difference between the TIP and the Ten-Year Plan. Walker began a presentation of the Ten Year Plan Project Prioritization. Walker covered the process timeline, reviewed guidance from NHDOT, and provided details on the projects under consideration for the Ten Year Plan. Walker explained that all projects were submitted for engineering review. He also explained that the MPO is limited to an \$8 Million cap to program projects. Walker explained that the MPO can submit projects up to the \$8 Million cap plus two additional projects. He reviewed the TAC recommendation showing projects to be put forward. K. Lucey, NDHES Coastal Program spoke regarding NHDES interest in the Winnicutt River bridge aligning the coastal interests with opportunity for transportation improvements a possible funding sources to support both interests. B Dion added that there is more that could be done with current funding. He added that the corridor study could also be advanced as funding is in the Ten Year Plan. J. Stevens and Roache both discussed the Corridor Study benefits. Audience members discussed the need for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. J. Stevens encouraged Greenland Residents to participate throughout the GACIT Process. There was a motion by G. Coppelman with a second by D. Finan to advance the Brentwood Rte. 125/ South Road, Plaistow Main Street, NH 33/Winnicutt/Bayside projects for consideration in the Ten Year Plan; Passed unanimously.

5. East Coast Greenway Update – Scott Bogle

Scott Bogle provided a presentation on the New Hampshire Seacoast Greenway. The presentation covered recent accomplishments, upcoming planning and design and future construction plans. The presentation included an overview of trailheads, access and signage. Finally the presentation covered the next steps for the project including Finalize RAISE agreement for Phase 3 design, install signage and kiosks, finalize maintenance plan, develop Adopt-a-Trail program, develop wayfinding signage, and continue work on trailhead development.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
