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**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee Meeting
May 8, 2009
Minutes
FINAL**

MPO Members Present: E. Lauterborn (Rochester), S. Keans (Rochester), K. Ortmann (Rochester), E. Jansen (Rollinsford), T. Crosby (Madbury), J. LaRose (COAST), L. Brown (Milton) and C. Skoglund (NHDES-ARD)

MPO Members Proxy Votes: Caren Rossi (Lee), George Snyder (Somersworth), T. Clark (Dover), W. Burton (Durham) and Lou Vita (Middleton)

SRPC Staff Present: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Myranda McGowan (Transportation Planner), Dan Camara (GIS/Transportation Analyst) and Marilyn Barton (Administrative Assistant)

Chairman L. Brown convened the meeting as the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee at 10:10 a.m. Introductions were made around the table and people gave their name and what town or agency they were representing.

1. Draft MPO Minutes of March 13, 2009

L. Brown asked for a motion to adopt the draft MPO minutes from March 13, 2009. K. Ortmann stated he had a couple of clarifications he wished to make on page two on the fourth paragraph from the bottom: It currently reads: "K. Ortmann stated it should therefore be paid directly out of the contract that's associated with the project that associated with the bridge during the course of the project". K. Ortmann asked that it be changed to read: "K. Ortmann stated it is his opinion the COAST Express Service should be treated the same way and should therefore be paid directly out of the contract that's associated with the project that's associated with the bridge during the course of the year". C. Skoglund stated he had a couple of changes he wished to make. C. Skoglund stated on page four, on the third line down, the word, want, should be removed for editorial purposes and then on that same page on the next paragraph, after the sentence that states: "B. Woodruff asked if we increased the non-attainment area?" C. Skoglund wanted it notated his response was "No, in order to keep the expansion as small as possible" for clarification purposes. After it was determined there were no other changes, L. Brown

asked for a motion. K. Ortmann made a motion and E. Jansen seconded the motion with amendments as stated. It was noted there was one abstention-G. Snyder of Somersworth. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Transportation Projects and Regional Priorities Solicitation

M. McGowan stated she and C. Copeland had gone out to the communities in the region to find out what their priorities were locally and municipally and handed out tables with the results of those visits and reviewed the top five priorities.

M. McGowan explained based on the priorities from the communities, a ranking system was developed so projects could be scored and rated. M McGowan noted no communities had projects to be deleted so no new projects were added. M. McGowan stated a 100-point scale was used to rate the projects and reviewed how points were scored. M. McGowan gave an example of the points system: If a project was considered regionally significant, it would be given ten points or if, the project had a positive emissions benefit, it would be given five points. M. McGowan noted this information was then condensed to a smaller table that showed the project rankings for the 2011-2020 Ten Year Plan and based on those results the top project was improvements to the Spaulding Turnpike in Rochester.

C. Copeland noted the big change in the priorities is the Newington-Dover Little Bay Bridges Project. As Dover is no longer a dues paying member, they did not receive the fifteen points given to those communities that are dues paying members. C. Copeland stated FHA and DOT have been involved in discussions regarding dues. She noted Dover has had projects in queue a long time and had also assisted with the FASTERANS with COAST. She noted that this is the second year Dover would not be paying dues and therefore we are losing match and this shows the consequences to a community without paying dues. C. Copeland stated she and M. McGowan spoke with DOT about this and they approved this moving forward and that it was not out of line.

L. Brown asked if it would be advantageous to have a disclaimer on the document that it was reviewed with FHA and DOT so there is no misunderstanding?

C. Copeland stated she would work on the language for that.

K. Ortmann suggested the significance of the red shading on the project solicitation table should be included on the legend with an explanation. L. Brown asked if the document could be submitted in color when sent to DOT? M. McGowan stated that could be done.

L. Brown stated the grid is an attempt by DOT to quantify so there's an equally known grid to make choices. C. Copeland stated this would be the basis for DOT's decision making.

M. McGowan stated there was a letter from UNH to include as an addendum to the document.

L. Brown entertained the notion for a motion. K. Ortmann made the following motion: "The MPO endorses the project ranking 2011-2020 Ten Year Plan dated 5-7-9". E. Jansen seconded the motion. It was noted there was one abstention, C. Skoglund of DES-ARD. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Project Updates

M. McGowan stated last week she accompanied William Allen School to Concord for their presentation for the Safe Routes To School Advisory Committee. M. McGowan noted the school presented a video

that showed the poor condition of the streets and the traffic congestion. E. Lauterborn asked how it went? M. McGowan stated the Committee seemed very receptive. M. McGowan noted both William Allen School and the Somersworth School District should know by the end of June if they would receive funds. M. McGowan noted SRTS is having an open enrollment for start up funds and travel grants which up to twenty communities can apply for.

M. McGowan stated next Friday, May 15, 2009 is Bike Walk to Work Day and beginning Monday, May 11, 2009 is Green Commute Week and asked J. LaRose from COAST to speak on that further.

J. LaRose stated COAST was doing a large marketing campaign for Green Commute Week and noted all cash fares received during the morning and afternoon commutes on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, would be given to local food pantries. J. LaRose noted on their website it explains on how to use the buses.

K. Ortmann stated he knew the COAST Board of which he is a member, had suggested speaking with local food stores and asked J. LaRose for an update on this? J. LaRose stated he visited Market Basket, Shaws and Hannaford and Shaws donated a twenty five dollar gift card. J. LaRose noted that Hannaford was very receptive about it but they had a monthly budget they used for that and would have needed more time in order to help out, but was something they could help out with in the future.

D. Camara stated he had been working with COAST on a google transit feeds specification and is a way to use Google to better plan routes. J. LaRose noted from the user aspect, it was very simple.

D. Camara noted traffic counts would begin in earnest starting May 11, 2009 and would start in the northern communities of Wakefield and Milton

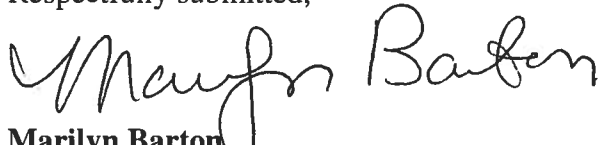
4. Other Business

C. Skoglund noted the first NH Energy and Climate Collaborative meeting would be Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 2-5 pm. at the NH Historical Society in Concord and was open to the public.

5. Adjournment

Chairman L. Brown asked for a motion for adjournment at 10:50 a.m. K. Ortmann made a motion and T. Crosby seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Barton

Recording Secretary

