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**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
SRPC Office, Dover, NH  
FINAL**

**March 5, 2010 Minutes**

**Present:** Ed Lemos (Barrington), Wallace Dunham (Madbury), Glenn Davison (NHDOT), Chris Skoglund (NHDES-ARD), Beverly Cray (UNH), Steve Pesci (UNH), Laurel Cox (Lee), Dave Sharples (Somersworth), Rad Nichols (COAST), Melodie Esterberg (Rochester) and David Allen (New Durham)

**Members Not Present:** Bruce Woodruff (Dover), James Campbell (Durham), Mark Stevens (Middleton), Larry Brown (Milton), Diane Hardy (Newmarket), Victoria Parmele (Northwood), Patrick Carroll (Rollinsford) and Tom Dube (Wakefield)

**Staff:** Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Dan Camara (GIS/Transportation Analyst) and Marilyn Barton (Administrative Assistant)

**1. Introductions**

Introductions were made around the table and people gave their name and what town or agency they were representing.

**2. Staff Communications**

C. Copeland stated Myranda McGowan gave her resignation and would begin working at Southern Maine Planning Commission on March 15, 2010. C. Copeland noted SRPC was going out for immediate hire to replace Myranda and that SRPC wished her all the best.

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### **3.1 Draft Strafford MPO TAC February 5, 2010 Minutes**

R. Nichols asked for a motion to adopt the draft MPO TAC minutes from February 5, 2010. D. Sharples asked if it was necessary that the alternates be listed under "members not present" in the minutes as it looks as if the community is not attending meetings. M. Barton stated she would change that. D. Sharples made a motion with the change as noted. W. Dunham seconded that motion. It was noted there was one abstention – UNH, as they had not been present at that meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

### **3.2 2009-2012 TIP Amendment #4:**

D. Camara stated SRPC was seeking a motion from TAC to forward to the MPO Policy Committee to approve TIP Amendment 4 and reviewed the information included in the packet.

R. Nichols stated that TIP Amendment 4 had no inclusion of transit projects and his understanding was that money from the proposed Jobs Bill would be allocated to transit-related projects. R. Nichols noted that many of the projects included with the TIP Amendment 4 included allocations from the proposed Jobs Bill, though none of them were transit-related projects. S. Pesci stated it was his understanding that the Jobs Bill would include allocations to transit allocations to transit projects. G. Davison stated he would speak with Nick Alexander about this.

R. Nichols asked for a motion for TAC to forward to the MPO Policy Committee to approve TIP Amendment 4 with the condition that the comment from R. Nichols was submitted. S. Pesci made a motion and D. Sharples seconded that motion. All in favor; motion carried.

### **4.1 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grants – Air Quality Analysis**

D. Camara noted the CMAQ applications are due to DOT and SRPC on April 1, 2010 by 3 p.m. D. Camara stated each MPO has been working on an Air Quality Analysis (AQA) template and for now the draft template is being reviewed and would be finalized as soon as possible. S. Pesci asked if the air quality piece must be included with the submittal on April 1<sup>st</sup>? D. Camara stated it would need to be finalized for the application though applicants may be given additional time to edit it if DOT or SRPC raised some issues with an applicants AQA assumptions.

### **4.2 Transportation Enhancements Grants**

C. Copeland noted she received a packet of information from DOT the day before and handed out copies to those in attendance and stated it would also be available on the SRPC website. C. Copeland stated that SRPC staff would be at the TE advisory committee presentations and encouraged all to attend as it gives the opportunity to see the other presentations. She also noted it is open to the public and that they would be taking place at DOT in Room 114, which is the main conference room on March 15, 2010.

C. Copeland encouraged applicants to review this package and read the minutes as it gives good information and that the Committee will want to see commitment with these projects – that the match is there, that construction costs are solid and be able to speak about public support.

A discussion ensued as to why the Newmarket score was so low. C. Copeland stated she sent a memo to Bill Watson at NH DOT. C. Copeland noted there are some questions that need to be answered by Newmarket and they need to address those questions. C. Copeland noted it is an evolving process and changes all the time.

#### **4.3 Long Range Plan Project Selection Criteria**

D. Camara stated not much has changed since the last time he spoke about it. D. Camara noted the MPO's are working together on project criteria and noted there are some general and federal planning requirements and also local components. D. Camara noted once that is completed, TAC would need to review and recommend it to the Policy Committee.

D. Camara noted there would be a need for a subcommittee. S. Pesci stated a section on mega projects vs. small projects should also be included. S. Pesci stated that he would be willing to be part of the subcommittee.

#### **4.4 FHWA/FTA MPO Program Review Update**

C. Copeland thanked those in attendance that attended and supported SRPC at their recent FHWA/FTA MPO program review and thanked staff for their help. C. Copeland noted it was an intensive day and it would be approximately six weeks before the draft responses were received. G. Davison stated he thought the presentation was well done.

### **5. Project Updates**

D. Camara noted the Broadband project that SRPC has been working on and that the first stage was completed, which included data collection and submission and expected to hear back shortly on how to proceed. D. Camara stated about seventy five to eighty percent of the data collection was completed in the initial data collection phase.

D. Camara stated SRPC, as a primary participant for Strafford County in the Census Bureau's Participant Statistical Areas Program, received verification data from the Census Bureau and that SRPC was in the process of verifying the changes submitted to the Census Bureau.

C. Copeland stated the website designer for SRPC was in the process of creating a separate page on the website for the census and should be completed by next week. C. Copeland noted K. Pimental had done a map, showing area participation and that there would be an interactive map to see who is participating. During the 2000 Census there was a seventy-two percent response rate for the region; the highest was eighty-three percent in Madbury and encouraged those in attendance to encourage their communities to participate, as it is really a matter of money for the communities.

C. Copeland stated NH DOT would be having a public informational meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the Dover City Hall at 7 p.m. regarding the Little Bay Bridges Projects and encouraged all to attend as this was an important meeting as the work is expected to begin this summer.

C. Copeland noted the Highway Trust Fund extension was extended for thirty more days until March 28, 2010. C. Copeland stated she contacted Bill Watson at NH DOT and he stated invoices would still be processed. C. Copeland stated she also sent letters to Paul Hode's and Jeanne Shaheen's offices.

D. Sharples stated the Somersworth Economic Committee would be forwarding the ordinance to the City Council regarding the one-way loop study on March 15, 2010 and noted there would be a ninety-day trial period, it would go through the process along with public input and the trial period may begin sometime this spring or summer

C. Skoglund noted the EPA is proposing to revise the 8-hour Ozone standard from the current .075 standard to 0.060-0.070 parts per million based on evidence that higher levels can have health impacts. A discussion ensued that it will need to go through the process as before and the EPA will issue final standards by August 31, 2010 and how these proposed changes could result in a new designation area and significant implications for other parts of the state. Other concerns were that of how transit would be affected by this change.

B. Cray stated UNH has been working with Kenn Ortmann regarding public hearings for service between Wildcat Transit and Rochester and the hearings would be taking place on Monday, March 8, 2010 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the public library in Rochester and another would be taking place on March 11, 2010 from noon to 2 p.m at the MUB at UNH.

G. Davison stated on March 10, 2010, NHDOT would be on the Governor and Council meeting agenda to enter into a joint funding agreement with USGS to obtain statewide high-resolution, one-foot pixel resolution, aerial orthoimagery with selected areas having six-inch pixel resolution and these should be available within six to fifteen months.

L. Cox noted the Lee Conservation newsletters were available and brought some with her to share with those interested.

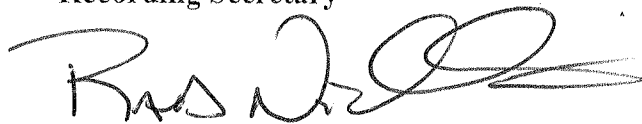
## 6. Adjournment

R. Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. D. Sharples made a motion; E. Lemos seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Barton  
Recording Secretary



Rad Nichols  
Strafford MPO Technical Advisory Committee Chair