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

March 2, 2012 Minutes

Final

Present: William Hoke (NHDOT), Kevin Russell (NHDOT-District 6), Laurel Cox (Lee), Melodie Esterberg (Rochester), Dave Sharples (Somersworth) and Jon Hotchkiss (Middleton)

Staff: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Greg Jones (Data Collection & Analysis Technician), Matt Sullivan (Regional Planner), Michelle Auen (Regional Planner) and Marilyn Barton (Executive Assistant)

1. Introductions

Chairman M. Esterberg opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. and introductions were given around the room.

2. Staff Communications

C. Copeland noted that Linda Osburn, the SRPC Bookkeeper was leaving effective March 6, 2012 and SRPC was in the process of recruiting someone. C. Copeland stated L. Osburn did a great job for the Commission during the almost twelve years she worked here and wished her well. C. Copeland also noted the recent marriage of G. Jones.

3.1 Approval of Draft Strafford MPO TAC February 3, 2012 Minutes

As there was no quorum present, the approval of the draft TAC minutes from February was deferred until the next TAC meeting.

**3.2 Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan for Southeast NH – Updates
Recommended to SMPO Policy Committee**

As there was no quorum present there was no recommendation to the Policy Committee. However there was no objection of members who attended and the group was comfortable with the Policy Committee moving forward with action as needed.

4. Discussion Items

G. Jones gave a PowerPoint presentation on Access Management and the work he has been doing on that and what access management is. G. Jones explained the benefits of an effective management program which included reducing accidents by 50%, increase roadway capacity by 23%-45% and reduce travel time and delay by 40%-60%.

M. Sullivan stated SRPC gave a PowerPoint presentation on the planned public outreach from SRPC. M. Sullivan noted it is a multi-pronged approach which includes website updates (new page additions, staff bios and photos and

online map availability), a blog creation, an interactive CEDS Plan website and Twitter, which has already been launched. M. Sullivan stated Twitter works for SRPC as it provides interaction with news sources, inter-agency and stakeholder contact. M. Sullivan noted that the Twitter model is about preserving the brand of SRPC. M. Sullivan stated to get involved, visit Twitter.com to create an account and follow @StraffordRPC. M. Ambrosi noted a Twitter 'widget' will soon be available at www.strafford.org. C. Copeland noted SRPC's public involvement plan will soon need to be updated and because a lot of things have changed since the last update, the technology aspect needed to be updated as well.

5. Project Updates

C. Copeland reminded everyone of the upcoming LPA training and noted M. Auen and M. Barton were attending Session One and reminded everyone these training sessions were required for projects to move forward.

M. Auen noted she and M. Sullivan had attended the NH Rail Plan meeting that took place on February 29, 2012 in Portsmouth and gave an overview of the meeting. M. Auen gave some statistics about freight and passenger rail in the area and some recommendations. M. Auen noted there was a good turnout with approximately forty people in attendance.

D. Sharples noted a public meeting was held in Berwick, Maine recently regarding the Route 9 bridge project and that it was a three-party agreement and noted there would be another public meeting in June.

6. Other Business

M. Barton reminded everyone of the upcoming Water Workshop on March 22, 2012 here at the Community Center and encouraged those in attendance if they knew of someone interested to please let them know and contact srpc@strafford.org or call 994-3500 to register. There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

The Chairman noted as there was no quorum, there was no motion to make and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn Barton PHR". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Marilyn Barton, PHR
Recording Secretary