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**Strafford Policy Committee Meeting**  
**February 15, 2013**  
**Rochester Community Center, Conf. Rm. 1A, Rochester, NH**  
**Minutes**

**FINAL**

**SMPO Policy Members Present:** Nicholas Alexander (NHDOT), Tony McManus (Dover), Marcia Gasses (Dover), Kenn Ortmann (Rochester), Steve Brown (Wakefield), Wayne Burton (Durham), Paul Lockwood (NHDES), Tom Clark (Dover), Ed Comeau (Brookfield), William Connor (Somersworth) and Brian Tapscott (Somersworth),

**SMPO Staff Present:** Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director) Marc Ambrosi (Transportation Planner) Dan Camara (Senior GIS/Transportation Analyst), Marilyn Barton (HR Specialist/Events Coordinator) and Wayne Prindle (Intern)

**Guest:** Tony Gaudiollo and Mona Perreault

**1. Introductions**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9 AM and introductions were given around the room.

**2. Staff Communications**

C. Copeland introduced Wayne Prindle, the newest intern to the group. W. Prindle gave an overview of his background and noted he would be assisting M. Ambrosi with transportation projects.

**3.1 Draft MPO Minutes of January 18, 2013**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the draft MPO minutes of January 18, 2013. K. Ortmann made a motion and T. Clark seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**4.1 Unified Planning Work Program**

M. Ambrosi reviewed the draft scope of work we'll be working on the next two years. He went over the handout, explaining the changes and additions/deletions to program. M. Ambrosi noted the content and scope of work are similar to what we are using now, but the document takes into account changes in the new surface transportation reauthorization: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, along with inclusion of other modes: rail, aviation and port. M. Ambrosi stated there is a public comment period in place that runs from February 11, 2013 through March 14, 2013 and there would be a public hearing at the Policy Committee at their meeting on Friday, March 15, 2013.

**4.2 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1**

M. Ambrosi reviewed the existing and proposed projects on the handout. M. Ambrosi stated the public comment period began on February 11, 2013 and would go through March 14, 2013 and would be presented to TAC at their March 1, 2013 meeting for recommendation to the Policy Committee for their approval at their March 15, 2013 meeting. There was a discussion about cost increases to projects and why that occurs. K. Ortmann asked why the Rochester Park and Ride project cost has nearly doubled. M. Ambrosi stated he was not sure and noted he had spoken with Ron Grandmaison and NHDOT had just put that project information on their project website. M. Ambrosi stated he would provide the link to the group after the meeting.

#### **4.3 Ten Year Plan (Scoring Criteria)**

D. Camara noted SMPO staff has met with NHDOT in order for us to develop staff recommended criteria weightings using Decision Lens. D. Camara noted Decision Lens is the modeling software that NHDOT will be using in order to develop the final project rankings for the upcoming Ten Year Plan. D. Camara explained SMPO staff will be working with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to come up with a TAC recommended criteria-weighting scheme during March and this will then be presented to the Policy Committee at their March 15, 2013 meeting for approval.

M. Ambrosi stated NHDOT would be giving a presentation about Decision Lens to TAC at their March 1, 2013 meeting and encouraged all to attend. He noted invitations would be sent out to the Policy Committee and the Commissioners. E. Comeau stated this would be a good public outreach effort and should be sent out to as many people as possible. E. Comeau asked if the communities could use this software. N. Alexander explained the three year contact can be used for agency purpose only and if a community wanted to use the software, they would have to pay for a license.

#### **5. Project Update(s)**

M. Ambrosi gave an update regarding the Lee Park and Ride project. He stated he spoke with M. Dugas from NHDOT and the project is moving ahead and would be going to the Governor and Council. M. Ambrosi noted the next step is the access agreement with Wentworth Douglas Hospital.

K. Ortmann stated the Rochester-Durham Wildcat Transit route starts on Monday, February 18, 2013 and there will be an inauguration ceremony at 7 a.m. at Home Depot in Rochester. K. Ortmann stated the bus would go from Home Depot to Thompson Hall at UNH and there are three stops total along the way and the bus will be going to UNH via Route 125.

T. Clark thanked C. Copeland for her presentation at the Dover City Council meeting. T. Clark also thanked T. McManus for his support of Dover becoming a dues paying community again with the Commission at that meeting.

#### **6. Other Business**

E. Comeau asked regarding the Metropolitan Plan about the item in red, which read: "An outline for updating the planning document using the Granite State Future framework for consistency". M. Ambrosi explained the Granite State Future project has transportation components in it as part of the regional Master Plan and the goals and vision are the same. There was no other business.

#### **7. Citizen's Forum**

M. Perreault asked about the budget and what percentage of the budget is from the federal government. C. Copeland explained that \$11,000 is from the state, \$85,000 is from local dues and the remainder, \$770,000 is from the federal government. C. Copeland noted every other year SRPC receives \$5,000 from NH Charitable Foundation as well.


E. Comeau asked about toll credits. N. Alexander explained our turnpike runs on a federal aid highway and collects toll revenue. N. Alexander stated when an investment is made on the turnpike it is a state investment and the federal government gives us credits for that investment. N. Alexander noted with the use of federal funds, there is not the typical 80/20 match. E. Comeau stated this should be defined to the public.

There were no other comments.

### **8. Adjournment**

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. T. McManus made a motion and K. Ortman seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Barton, PHR". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the Recording Secretary.

**Marilyn Barton, PHR**  
**Recording Secretary**