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**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Rochester Community Center, Conf. Rm. 1A
Rochester, NH**

April 4, 2014 Minutes

FINAL

Present: Jon Hotchkiss (Middleton), Ed Comeau (Brookfield), Chris Parker (Dover), Paul Lockwood (NHDES), Victoria Parmele (Northwood) and Rad Nichols (COAST)

Staff: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Marc Ambrosi (Transportation Planner), Marilyn Barton (HR Specialist/Events Coordinator), Dan Camara (Sr. GIS/Transportation Analyst), Greg Jones (Regional Planner) and Samantha DePlanche (Planning Intern)

Guests: Policy Committee members: Tom Crosby (Madbury) and Rick Healey (Rochester)

1. Introductions

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9: 00 a.m. and introductions were given around the room.

2. Staff Communications

M. Ambrosi announced his last day with Strafford Regional Planning Commission would be April 15, 2014. He noted he was moving to Colorado and he enjoyed his time working with the TAC Committee.

3.1 Draft TAC minutes of March 7, 2014

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of February 7, 2014. C. Parker made a motion and V. Parmele seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Regional Master Plan Outreach

M. Ambrosi and D. Camara discussed the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Appendix for the Plan. M. Ambrosi reviewed the findings from the local outreach events concerning transportation in the region and reviewed the FHWA "Planning Factors" and APAs "Smart Growth Principles" with committee members.

Discussion included categories and the differences of urban and rural communities and the meanings of those words in the transportation world and its effects and to be cognizant of that when using them.

5. Project Updates

R. Nichols announced a new volunteer program, Ready Ride, which services Northwood and surrounding communities. He noted it is doing well and will expand to include Madbury, Lee, Durham and Newmarket, which was based on interest.

R. Nichols stated Farmington voted to reinstate COAST services to their community. Coast was mentioned in a national article in CTAA re: New Hampshire's Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) notes that 36 percent of its 33 transit vehicles are operating past their useful lives, at current funding levels is only able to replace one bus every 4-5 years. He noted COAST is operating buses as long as 19 years.

6. Other Business

There was a discussion regarding Jones Brook Dam. J. Hotchkiss gave an overview of its history and the dam that was created breached in 2005. He stated Fish and Game held a public meeting on rebuilding it, as Middleton and Milton are downstream from the dam and the possibility of flooding concerns.

There was no other business.

7. Citizen's Forum

There were no comments from the public.

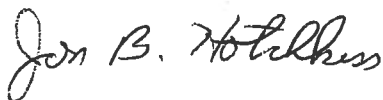
8. Adjournment

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. W. Dunham made a motion and V. Parmele seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by,



Marilyn Barton, PHR
Recording Secretary



Jon Hotchkiss
TAC Chairman