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

June 6, 2014 Minutes

FINAL

Present: Wallace Dunham (Madbury), Jon Hotchkiss (Middleton), Linda Dusenberry (NHDOT), Leigh Levine (FHWA), Dave Sharples (Somersworth), Ed Comeau (Brookfield), Diane Hardy (Newmarket) and Beverly Cray (UNH)

Staff: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director) and Marilyn Barton (HR Specialist/Events Coordinator)

1. Introductions

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

2. Staff Communications

C. Copeland noted SRPC has a new employee, Chris Scheiner, who will be the new GIS & Technical Analyst replacing Dan Camara. She noted he will start on June 9, 2014 and gave a brief overview of his background.

M. Barton noted last week was the Annual Commissioners Meeting/Luncheon. She explained excellence in planning awards are given out and this year the focus was on civic engagement and volunteerism and noted two of the three awardees were TAC members, Jon Hotchkiss and Wallace Dunham, and congratulated them.

M. Barton stated the July TAC meeting falls on July 4 and noted if there was a meeting it would be on July 11.

M. Barton stated every two years letters are sent out to renew requests for members of TAC and those would be going out shortly and to please return them as soon as possible.

3.1 Draft TAC minutes of May 2, 2014

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of May 2, 2014. D. Sharples made a motion and D. Hardy seconded that motion. It was noted there were two abstentions. All others were in favor, motion carried.

3.2 2013-2016 TIP Amendment #6 – Recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval

C. Copeland stated Amendment #6 was in a public comment period from May 21, 2014 through June 19, 2014, which was a full thirty day comment period. She noted the public hearing would be held at the June 20, 2014 Policy Committee meeting. C. Copeland reviewed the local and state projects. A discussion ensued regarding the Newmarket Sky Bridge project and proposed changes going forward and the ongoing concern for pedestrian safety and the lack of progress with the project and change in the scope of work. There was a question about changes to funding to projects in the region; it was noted there was a change to the Newmarket Project. L. Dusenberry stated she would send information with an update about funding in the region.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend Amendment #6 to the Policy Committee for their approval. D. Hardy seconded that motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Discussion Items

C. Copeland noted on June 2, 2014 FHWA and FTA released proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register, governing the development of metropolitan transportation plans and programs for urbanized areas, state transportation plans and programs and the CMAQ process. C. Copeland stated M. Barton will send an email to the Committee with the link with the full information. C. Copeland noted ASHTO sent out a comparison list of the current 22 CFR 450 versus the new text, now out for review and would be happy to share that information. She also reviewed a leadership letter, sent from AMPO, from Speaker Bohner and Leader Cantor to House Republicans regarding highway funding and what should be done about it from their perspective. C. Copeland noted she has also been working with AMPO on the Surface Reauthorization Act and currently there are senate and house versions, along with the Grow America Act, from the Obama Administration. C. Copeland stated she would bring updates as she receives them.

L. Levine stated on June 13, 2014 there would be a webinar on the rulemaking and any comments would be accepted until September 2, 2014.

5. Project updates

C. Copeland stated the Park and Ride Toolkit has been completed and would like to work with a community to go through the process to see what works, what needs to be improved, etc. and would need to complete that by the end of June 2015. C. Copeland asked if there was any community that would be interested in working with us regarding a potential park and ride in their community to please contact her.

C. Copeland noted the data collection interns started working at SRPC two weeks ago and are working on traffic counts and culvert inventory. She noted they are also participating in training at the Transfer Technology Center at UNH regarding the SADES project.

D. Sharples gave an update on a Somersworth TE project and attended a meeting on May 11, 2014 at NHDOT and was waiting on their decision regarding the categorical exclusion. He noted to proceed to final design is on hold until authorization from cultural resources. He noted the Somersworth-Berwick Bridge project is on schedule and going well.

B. Cray asked about the status of the NH 108 Bike Lane Project. It was noted it has gone out to bid and was advertised on May 27, 2014 and the second phase is scheduled for April 2015. B. Cray asked if the Park and

Ride at Lowe's was ready for use. C. Copeland stated she would check on that and noted the Park and Ride in Lee is in process.

6. Other Business

J. Hotchkiss thanked C. Copeland for keeping the meetings going despite staff shortages and her other duties. There was no other business.


7. Citizen's Forum

There were no comments from the public.

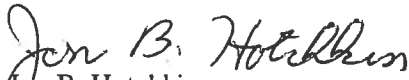
8. Adjournment

The Vice-Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. D. Sharples made a motion and D. Hardy seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by,

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Marilyn Barton, PHR
Recording Secretary



Jon B. Hotchkiss
TAC Chairman