

## Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization

### Policy Committee

#### Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Strafford Regional Planning Commission  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Rochester, NH

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am

The chair read the following statement prior to the roll call:

The chair of the Strafford MPO Policy Committee has found that, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2021-04, this Committee is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

- *Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means.* We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone number 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID 829 0534 5549, or by clicking on the following website address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905345549?pwd=eTQ4dEVrbjVPbm5iL2dqQmxIdXpyQT09>
- *Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.* We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the SRPC website at [www.strafford.org](http://www.strafford.org).
- *Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.* If anybody has a problem, please call 603-948-9483 or email at: [clentz@strafford.org](mailto:clentz@strafford.org)
- *Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.* In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote. Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

## 1. Attendance:

### Committee Members

Peter Nelson (Newmarket), Mark Richardson (Somersworth), Joe Boudreau (Rochester), Barb Holstein (Rochester), Steve Diamond (Barrington), Michael Williams (COAST), Glenn Davison (NHDOT), Tim White (NHDES), Dave Landry (Dover), Wayne Burton (Durham), Mike Bobinsky (Somersworth), Don Hamann (Rochester),

### Guests

Shanna Saunders (Rochester),

### Staff

Rachel Dewey, Natalie Moles, Nancy O'Connor, Alaina Rogers, James Burdin, Jackson Rand, Stephen Geis, Jen Czysz, Colin Lentz

## 2. Staff Communications

C. Lentz noted that the Strafford MPO meeting would be relatively short and members would adjourn and reconvene as the RPC commissioners.

## 3. Action Items

### 3.1 Minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

D. Hamann made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Seconded by M. Richardson

Vote: unanimous in favor (via roll-call vote)

### 3.2 Review TAC scoring of proposed Transportation Alternatives projects

C. Lentz presented the results from scoring of the three candidate TAP projects proposed in the region (Rochester, Dover, and Durham). He noted that the SRPC results would inform the final NHDOT scoring, but the committee's decision at this meeting would not be the final decision about which project gets funded. That decision rests with the Commissioner of NHDOT. C. Lentz said scorers had expressed that all three projects were excellent, and it was difficult to compare them. All three scored high and were very close in scores.

D. Landry made a motion to accept the TAP scores and send them to NHDOT

Seconded by D. Hamann

Vote: unanimous in favor (via roll-call vote)

## 4. Project Updates

### 4.1. **Upcoming Metro Plan public comment period**

C. Lentz reminded members that the Metro Plan was in public comment and would be up for a vote following a public hearing at the May Policy meeting.

## 5. Adjournment

At 9:30 the members transitioned from MPO business and reconvened as the Strafford RPC commissioners to discuss candidate projects for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).