

## Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization

### Policy Committee

#### Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 21st 2021

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Strafford Regional Planning Commission  
150 Wakefield St, Rochester, NH

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am

This was a joint meeting of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Strafford MPO).

#### 1. Attendance:

##### Committee Members

In-person attendees: Don Hamann (Rochester), Dave Landry (Dover), Tom Crosby (Madbury), Mike Bobinsky (Somersworth), Bill Fisher (Farmington), Mark Avery (Madbury), Herb Ueda (Rollinsford), Evan McDougall (Wakefield).

Online Attendees: Bill Watson (NH DOT), Lindsey Williams (Dover), Barbara Holstein (Rochester), Mark Richardson (Somersworth), Tim White (NHDES),

##### Guests

Shanna Saunders (Rochester),

##### Staff

James Burdine, Rachel Dewey, Zuzanna Duffy, Jackson Rand, Stephen Geis, Nancy O'Connor, Jen Czysz, Colin Lentz

#### 2. Public Hearing – Draft 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #1

M. Bobinsky made a motion to open the public hearing,

Seconded by D. Hamann

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

C. Lentz gave a presentation on the projects in the first amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP. He noted that because of COVID-19 and the timing of the release of the full STIP, this was the first time an amendment had been issued and many projects were behind. The amendment included the following projects::

Barrington (41415)

Program (COAST 5307)

Durham (41432)

Durham (42873)

Newington-Dover (11238)

Program (FTA 5339)  
Program (LTAP)  
Program (TSMO)  
Rochester (14350)

B. Watson clarified that the Durham project 42873 would not be changed as originally proposed in the amendment. Federal Highways and Federal Transit Administration had requested that the project remain as originally included in the STIP, and not be transferred to a “programmatic” as proposed. The project will not be changed in the STIP as originally proposed in the amendment.

D. Hamann noted that construction on the Rochester project would be commencing soon and recommended that people avoid using the intersection if possible (North Main St, 202A, and Washington St.

M. Bobinsky made a motion to close the public hearing,  
Seconded by D. Hamann  
Vote: unanimous in favor (via roll-call vote)

### 3. Action Items

#### 3.1 Approve draft minutes from May 21st 2021 [VOTE]

M. Bobinsky made a motion to approve the minutes as written.  
Seconded by M. Avery  
Vote: B. Watson, E. McDougall, and B. Fisher abstaining, otherwise unanimous in favor (via roll-call vote)

#### 3.2 Approve the Draft 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #1 [VOTE]

D. Hamann made a motion to approve the TIP amendment.  
Seconded by M. Richardson  
Vote: unanimous in favor (via roll-call vote)

### 4. Commissioner Roundtable – Updates from your community

M. Bobinsky said the Somersworth Planning Board had recently approved a large sports complex on Willand Dr. that would require some road improvements on NH108. He added that the city expects to get approximately \$1.2 million in CARES Act funding that will be dedicated to water and sewer projects.

B. Fisher said Farmington is in preliminary stages of putting 123 acres of land near the downtown in conservation and developing public hiking trails on it. He added that Honeydew doughnuts had been put out of business during the pandemic but had gotten refinanced and would be reopening.

M. Avery noted that the Nute Rd. bridge over the Bellamy River would be replaced this summer and completed before the start of the school year.

D. Hamann said Eversource would be making upgrades to electric utilities in Rochester. The Strafford Square roundabout project will include undergrounding of utilities in the vicinity.

J. Czysz noted that because the Governor's order had expired, an in-person quorum was required for public meetings. The meeting was noticed as a hybrid meeting in anticipation of the order expiring. Staff had contacted members to get the minimum number for a quorum. She asked if members had a preference on how to proceed. Members said all meetings were reverting to in-person, but it would be good to continue offering the option for online participation.

## **5. Adjournment**

T. Crosby made a motion to adjourn

Seconded by M. Bobinsky

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am