

STRAFFORD

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 18, 2022

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Hybrid Meeting

Rochester, NH

1. Introductions

Chair David Landry called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Committee members present: Bill Fisher, Farmington; Tom Crosby, Madbury; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Joe Boudreau, Rochester; Barbara Holstein, Rochester; Mark Richardson, Somersworth; Michael William, COAST, Mike Bobinsky, Somersworth; Glen Davison, DOT; David Landry, Dover;

Committee Members participating remotely: Herb Ueda, Rollinsford; Tim White, DES, Steve Diamond, Barrington. Jeff Donald, COAST/ACT

Staff members present: Jen Czysz,, Colin Lentz,

Staff attending remotely: Megan Taylor-Fetter, Rachel Dewey, Nancy OConnor, Shayna Silvia Jackson Rand,

2. Staff Communications

C. Lentz reported that Environmental Planner, Alaina Rogers resigned. C. Lentz stated that she will be missed.

J. Czysz reminded the members that SRPC has begun project solicitation for the Ten-Year Plan. This process starts 2 years in advance J. Czysz asked members to communicate with their communities about projects they would like to get into the queue. Additionally, staff will be presenting the active Transportation Plan; this is two pieces of one solicitation process.

J.. Czysz stated that electric vehicle charging is another pool for funding. Staff is working with communities to identify sites.

D. Landry suggested communities contact Colin with any questions or ideas.

3. Action Items

a. Approve Draft Minutes from January 21, 2022

M. Williams **MOVED** to approve the Draft minutes from February 18, 2022. B. Fisher **SECOND**. A vote was taken: B. Fisher, T. Crosby; K. Kasper, B. Holstein; M. Williams; M. Bobinsky, D. Landry; J. Boudreau, M. Richardson **ABSTAIN**, None **OPPOSED**, With A majority of members voting in the affirmative, **MOTION PASSED**.

4. Discussion items

a. Getting public input on regional Active Transportation Plan – draft survey questions

S. Sylvia presented on the draft survey for the active transportation plan. Following her presentation, she asked Policy members for comments.

A discussion ensued concerning trail planning and the difference between direct and scenic routes to an endpoint. Various comments were shared, which will be integrated into the final draft of the survey.

b. Community transportation services and how to coordinate them throughout Southeast NH

Jeff Donald from COAST presented on the many different types of community transportation services offered. He explained these include both public services (such as fixed route buses) and private services (such as taxis, hospital and senior shuttles, volunteer driver programs, and vans that churches or community organizations own and operate). J. Donald provided information on how communities can help. SRPC, RPC, and ACT will be working to update a regional plan for community transportation coordination over the coming months

A discussion ensued about community transportation services in the region. Members provided input on goals for the plan.

This recording of this meeting and presentation will be available to view on the SRPC YouTube site; the link is accessible on the SRPC website.

5. Other Business & Update from Staff

C. Lentz touched briefly on EV charging funding opportunities becoming available soon. He added that we want to be as ready as possible when funding becomes available later this year. SRPC will be sending out a questionnaire to compile potential locations for EV chargers. If communities have sites in mind, they should contact him.

C. Commissioner Roundtable

There was no input from the members.

D. Citizens Forum

No citizens attending

E. Adjournment

M Bobinsky **MOVED** to adjourn **SECONDED** by P. Nelson **SECOND**. A roll call vote was taken: T. Crosby, P. Nelson, M. Bobinsky, K. Kasper, P. Nelson, D. Landry, B. Holstein, T. White, G. Davison, M. Williams, B. Fisher, S. Pesci L. Williams **IN FAVOR**. None **OPPOSED**. **MOTION PASSED**