

# STRAFFORD

Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Policy Committee Meeting**  
**Combined Meeting of the Stafford EDD & Strafford MPO**  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, September 16, 2022  
9:00 – 11:00 AM  
Strafford Regional Planning Commission  
Hybrid Meeting  
Rochester, NH

## 1. Introductions

At 9:13 a.m. Chair David Landry called the meeting to order. and asked for introductions.

**Committee members present:** Bill Fisher, Farmington; Tom Crosby, Madbury; Karen Golab, Milton; Peter Nelson, Newmarket; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Michael Bobinsky, Somersworth; Don Hamann, Rochester; Michael Williams, COAST; Dave Landry, Dover.

**Committee Members participating remotely:** Barbara Holstein, Rochester; Dawn Genes, Lee; Steve Diamond, Barrington; Herb Ueda, Rollinsford, Charlene Andersen, Nottingham;

**Staff members present:** Jen Czysz, Colin Lentz.

**Staff attending remotely:** Jackson Rand, Megan Taylor-Fetter

## 2. Staff Communications

J. Czysz reminder Commission meeting September 22 3:45 pm, talking about Housing and interactive meeting.

RIC recruitment, NHARPC rep, Commissioner appointments. If interested, please let Megan know.

Nov. 14, Federal HW admin review, all day, welcome,

## 3. Action Items

### a. Approve draft minutes of August 19, 2022

M. Bobinsky motioned to accept the Minutes of August 29, 2022 as written, seconded by T. Crosby A roll call vote was taken: T. Crosby, B. Fisher, H. Ueda, P. Nelson, B. Holstein, K. Kasper, M. Bobinsky, D. Hamann, M. Williams, D. Genes, S. Diamond, C. Andersen, D. Landry, H. Ueda, voting in favor. Motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

### b. Approve Ten Year Plan criteria weighting recommended by TAC

C, Lentz explained that at the last meeting, members requested more time to submit their scores. As of 9/2 the results show a small change since the last review. Equity,

Environmental Justice, and Accessibility got a boost as well as Natural Hazard Resilience. Safety and State of Repair remained the same and are the top categories.

Members held a discussion on the process and noted that it is hard to anticipate what will happen over the next 10 years.

D. Hamann motioned to approve the Ten-Year Plan Criteria Weighting as recommended by TAC, seconded by M. Williams. A roll call vote was taken: T. Crosby, B. Fisher, H. Ueda, P. Nelson, B. Holstein, K. Kasper, M. Bobinsky, D. Hamann, M. Williams, D. Genes, S. Diamond, C. Andersen, D. Landry, H. Ueda, voting in favor. Motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

#### 4. Discussion Items

##### a. **Next Steps in the Ten-Year Plan Process: Review of candidate projects for consideration and scoring process**

C. Lentz explained that the criteria voted on today will go into the back end of Survey Monkey; the weights will be applied to those scores. This is the first round of project scoring and we have until March 31 to talk about those projects and score them at least one more time. Once we get information on the costs from VHB.

C. Lentz explained the Ten-Year Plan process and reviewed the 7 projects:

- **Somersworth priority project**, Main St from John Parson's Drive to Indigo Hill Rd. Project involves the replacement water and sewer lines, storm drainage improvements, new sidewalks, bike lanes and new surface pavement on Main Street from Indigo Hill Road to John Parsons Drive.
- **Somersworth priority project**: West High St/Maple St/Sunset Drive Intersection. Prepare design alternatives that enhance safety for all modes, addressing improved pedestrian crosswalks, streetscapes and traffic calming features that enhance overall safety while improving the efficiency of the intersection. Develop and adopt final design recommendations, prepare engineering plans and specifications to solicit bids for construction.
- **Durham priority project**. Durham Point Rd Paving reclamation, including improvement alternatives for traffic and non-motorized users
- **Durham priority project** Main St/NH 155A/Mast Road Intersection, Convert to Roundabout.
- **Lee priority project**: Center "Triangle" Improvements, intersection of NH155, Lee Hook Rd, North River Rd, Lee Hill Rd, and George Bennett Rd, Intersection realignment to reduce speed and improve safety, Eliminate redundant connector between George Bennett Rd and Lee Hill Rd., Incorporate right-of-way for future pedestrian accommodations.
- **Lee priority project**: Town center separated shared-use path, along southbound side of NH155 between Lee Library and DPW facility near Recycling Center Rd, construct 10ft wide separated shared-use path along southwest-bound lane of NH155

- **Newmarket priority project:** NH152 (South Main St) and NH108 (Exeter St); includes adjacent roads, close eastbound lane of South Main St (NH152) between South St and NH108 intersection; Re-route eastbound NH152 traffic onto Gerry Ave, Intersection and traffic control improvements at adjacent intersections  
Gerry Ave & NH108 (Exeter St): needs consideration for trucks turning left onto NH108 from Gerry Ave, Gerry Ave & NH152 (South Main St): signage to alert drivers of closure; consider any intersection improvements for traffic flow and safety, Speed management improvements for remaining westbound lane of NH152 (NH108 southbound) to mitigate “slingshot” effect on curve.

The members engaged in discussion on the projects and the impact they would have on their communities.

C. Lentz will make the results of the survey available to the members.

## **5. Other Business**

There was no other business

## **6. Commissioner Roundtable**

M. Bobinsky reported on a single bid received on a CEMAC Grant, the bid falls within budget and involves electronics signal heads, ADA curbing and access ramps.

D. Hamann reported that the State signed off on the final stage of Strafford square. Public Works sent plans to the city manager Construction on final phase will be completed hopefully by the end of October.

P. Nelson spoke on the spending bill for electric vehicle infrastructure and asked where more information could be obtained. C. Lentz will follow up.

C. Lentz reported on a meeting held the day before on the 108 Complete Streets project which is moving forward with more public outreach forthcoming.

## **Citizens Forum**

There were no citizens comments

## **7. Adjourn**

D. Hamann motioned to adjourn seconded by M. Bobinsky. All in favor.