

Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 4, 2022

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Rochester, NH

Chairman Woodruff read a statement stating that due to Covid and the weather conditions, under RSA 91-A:2 III (b) as chair he is waiving the requirement of a quorum at the physical location of the meeting. Whereas, in order to ensure an uninterrupted flow of federal transportation funding to the region the RPC must act on Amendment 3 to the Transportation Improvement Program.

Whereas, the RPC chair has decided that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action due to the ongoing pandemic. Therefore, the RPC will invoke this emergency provision and waive requirement of a quorum at the physical location of the meeting

Chair Bruce Woodruff called the meeting to order at 9:00am and asked for introductions.

1. Introductions.

Members attending on Zoom: Bruce Woodruff, Milton, Michael Williams, COAST.; Michelle Mears, Somersworth, Kim Rummo, DOT, Leigh Levine, FHA; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Amelia Grace, Dover; Tim White, NH DES;

Staff attending on Zoom: Colin Lentz; Jen Czysz; Rachel Dewey, Jackson Rand, Stephen Geis, Nancy OConnor

Guests: Carin Rossi, Lee, Luann Speikers, DOT

2. Staff Communications

There were no staff communications

3. Action Item(s) [Motion required]

a. Minutes from November 5, 2021

M. Mears MOVED to approve the November 5, 2021 minutes SECONDED by M. Williams. A roll call vote was taken: M. Mears, M. Williams, B. Woodruff, K. Rummo, L. Levine, K. Kasper, T. White IN FAVOR. A. Degrace and C. Rossi ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

b. 2021 -2024 TIP Amendment 3 draft

C. Lentz summarized the TIP stating that it a 4-year program of projects which are already in process. MPOs are required to set performance targets for safety annually

B. Woodruff MOVED to recommend TIP Amendment 3 to the Policy Committee. M. Williams SECOND. A roll call vote was taken: M. Mears, M. Williams, B. Woodruff, , L. Levine, K. Kasper, T. White IN FAVOR. A. Degrace, K. Rummo ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.

c. 2022 Highway Safety Performance Targets

4. Discussion Items

How can transportation program under the bipartisan Infrastructure Law help your community goals.

Information on the transportation programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and new Planning Emphasis Areas. Leigh Levine presenting.

Leigh Levine presented information on the numerous programs and opportunities in the BIL that can help municipalities fund projects and achieve local goals. These include:

Apportionment (cross-cutting, describing formula for apportionment of multiple Federal-aid highway programs)

Bridge Formula Program (BFP)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Metropolitan Planning Program

National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)

National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)

Railway-Highway Crossings Program (RHCP)

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

Leigh also described the new Planning Emphasis Areas that are specific to planning efforts by MPOs and State DOTs. These include:

- Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future
- Equity and Justice⁴⁰ in Transportation Planning
- Complete Streets
- Public Involvement
- Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination
- Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination
- Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL)
- Data in Transportation Planning

Bruce thanked Levine for his presentation. C; Lentz encouraged municipalities to reach out to SRPC for any assistance needed to move forward with transportation projects. L. Levine stated he will update the committee on further information as it becomes available to him.

5. Other Business

C. Lentz informed the committee that Ten Year Plan is moving through the legislature and getting positive reviews.

6. Citizen's Forum: There was no Citizens Forum.

7. Adjourn

M Williams **MOVED** to adjourn **SECONDED** by M. Mears.. A roll call vote was taken: M. Mears, M. Williams, B. Woodruff, L. Levine, K. Kasper, T. White A. Degrace, K. Rummo IN FAVOR. None Opposed. **MOTION PASSED.**