

Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Friday, April 7, 2023
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Rochester, NH

1. Introductions

Vice Chair Michael Williams called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Members attending in person: Vanessa Price, Barrington; Michael Williams, COAST; Wayne Lehman, Lee, Michelle Mears, Somersworth, Chelsea Green, Dover; Michael Behrendt, Durham; Katrin Kasper, Lee

Staff attending in person: Colin Lentz, Jen Czysz, Mark Davie

Members attending virtually: Bill Watson, DOT; Leigh Levine, FHW

2. Community Updates

Tabled.

3. Action Items

a. Minutes from February 3, 2023 and February 3, 2023

V. Price motioned to approve the February 3, 2023. K. Katrin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price, M, Williams, W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper voted in the affirmative. W. Watson abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

b. Regional Coordinated Transit Plan

C. Lentz gave a summary of the Coordinated Plan and highlighted components of the plan. He explained the plan concerns many forms of “community transportation” in the region. Community transportation refers to all transportation resources in a community that are available to help meet people’s mobility needs. These include both public and private services, such as fixed route bus, shuttles for seniors, taxis, vans that churches or community organizations own and operate, and other services. This plan needs to be in place for entities like COAST to access federal funds for transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities.

The plan is in a public comment period through to the Policy meeting on April 21st.

K. Kasper motioned for TAC to recommend to the Policy Committee to approve the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan. V. Price seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price, M, Williams, W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper and W. Watson voted in the affirmative. abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

c. 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program.

C. Lentz gave a summary of the Unified Planning Work Program. We will submit a final draft to the DOT today and look for approval by the Policy Committee at their next meeting.. The

Unified Planning Work Program of the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Strafford MPO) identifies the planning priorities and work activities that the Metropolitan Planning Organization will address during the two-year program period. The development of the Unified Planning Work Program is required as part of the Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative (3C's) metropolitan planning process and specifically the Metropolitan Planning Rules

K. Kasper motioned for TAC to recommend to the Policy committee to approve the draft UPWP. M. Mears seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price,, M, Williams, ,W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper and W. Watson voted in the affirmative. abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

d. Which candidate Ten Year Plan projects are funded through the regional allocation

C. Lentz stated that a total of seven projects were submitted by municipalities to be considered for inclusion in the Ten-Year Plan. Those projects were ranked according to criteria used by all RPC's and NHDOT. Voting open through to April 14 and a decision must be made at the April TAC and Policy meetings. C. Lentz gave a summary of the projects and the various scenarios for funding.

The group discussed funding opportunities for projects that have not been selected.

K. Katrin motioned for TAC to recommend to the Policy Committee to approve Scenario 2, Somersworth's Main St Complete Streets and Lee's improvements to NH155/George Bennett/Lee Hook Rd, and send those two projects to NHDOT for inclusion into the Ten Year Plan. M. Mears seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price, ,M, Williams, ,W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper voted in the affirmative. W. Watson abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

4. Other Business

M. Williams reported that COAST is circulating a customer survey focused on how to best meet the needs of customers.

5. Citizens Forum

There were no citizens present.

6. Adjourn

Motion and a second to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.