

Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
Friday, June 3, 2022
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Rochester, NH

1. Introductions.

At 9:08 a.m. Chair Bruce Woodruff called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Members attending in person: Bruce Woodruff, Milton; Michael Williams, COAST; Michele Mears, Somersworth; Shanna Saunders, Rochester; Nicole Zoltko, New Durham; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Vanessa Price, Barrington.

Staff attending in person: Colin Lentz,

Members attending on Zoom: Laurie Ridenour-Patterson, DOT; Paul Maloney, FHA; Tim White, DES; Jessica Wilcox, DES; Kim Rummo, DOT

Staff attending in person: Colin Lentz

Presenters: Jackson Kaspari, Dover; Jack Lannamann, Durham; Karina Graeter SMPDC

Guests attending on Zoom: Dean Williams, SMPDC; Ricky DiCillo, DES; Todd Horner, SWRPC

Staff attending on Zoom: Rachel Dewey, Jen Czysz, Jackson Rand, Stephen Geis,

2. Action Items Motion required

a. Minutes from March 4, and April 1, 2022

M. Williams MOTIONED to approve the minutes of March 4, 2022 SECONDED by K. Kasper. The members voted to approve the minutes with one amendment. B. Woodruff, M. Williams, M. Mears, S. Saunders, N. Zoltko, Katrin Kasper, V. Price, T. White, and K. Rummo in favor. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

b. TIP Amendment 4 – Recommended to Policy for Approval

C. Lentz presented on the TIP amendment 4. He explained it will be going out for public comment starting June 7th. The amendment includes changes to several projects and statewide programs. Those have all been discussed and confirmed with municipalities in which they take place. New projects include the Sidewalk Project in Milton and the widening of North 11 North of Route 16 in Rochester. Two projects are

also being added to the Metro Plan through the amendment process: UNH's South Drive project, and COAST's new maintenance, operations, and administrative facility.

S. Saunders MOTIONED to recommend TIP Amendment 4 to the Policy Committee SECONDED by M. Williams, B. Woodruff, M. Williams, M. Mears, S. Saunders, N. Zoltko, Katrin Kasper, V. Price, T. White, and K. Rummo in favor. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

3. Discussion Items

a. Nondiscrimination Plan update – new Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) content

C. Lentz reported that new content has been added to the draft

Nondiscrimination Plan that will be going out for public comment on June 16th.

C. Lentz summarized the new content:

- Relevant demographic data from the new snapshot
- New content related to language accessibility and people who qualify as Limited English Proficiency
- Requirements for consideration of “Environmental Justice” (EJ) is separate from requirements under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. However, EJ is included at the end of the nondiscrimination plan as it relates to planned and programmed transportation projects.

b. Guest Panel on local EV charging infrastructure

C. Lentz welcomed presenters Jackson Kaspari, Jack Lannamann and Karina Graeter to discuss local perspectives and experience with planning, implementing, and operating EV charging equipment:

Jackson Kaspari provided an overview of his work as the City of Dover's Resiliency Coordinator. He explained that the three main categories he focuses on are energy, land conservation and environmental project review. As part of his work with the energy commission he is looking at opportunities for the electrification of the municipal fleet and expanding public awareness on electric, transportation.

Karina Graeter of the Southern Maine Planning Department Commission explained that SMPD works with communities in their region. The State of Maine passed the Climate Action Plan which contains specific EV adoption rules. There is significant funding available, so SMDC is helping municipalities and providing resources to prepare for the broad adoption of electric vehicles. SMDC created an online toolkit called EV Readiness which covers the broad swap of ways and resources to be ready for the expansion of EV's.

Jack Lannamann from the Town of Durham Energy Commission stated that the Town of Durham has a long history of public organizing on alternative energy and climate change. The role of the Energy Commission is to advise Town Council on ways to reduce energy, development alternative energy sources and to increase economic security and energy independence for the town. The town's Master Plan includes a section on climate change and energy use.

Discussion ensued on topics like zoning ordinances and how to classify EV sites. Also discussed were the different types of EV charging stations, parking, utility rates and how to build fee structures.

K. Graeter explained that the EV Readiness Toolkit contains guidance for zoning ordinances and an overview for permitting.

Colin ended the discussion by pointing out that there have been increases in registration for EV vehicles in last 4 years in some counties. The acceleration has continued if not expanded with availability and gas prices. This is not going to be a flash in the pan.

4. Other Business and Community Updates

There was no discussion

5. Citizen's Forum:

There was no discussion

6. Adjourn

M. Williams MOTIONED to adjourn SECONDED by D. Benton. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.