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Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee Friday, May 5, 2023 9:00 – 10:30 AM Strafford Regional Planning Commission Rochester, NH

#### 1. Introductions

Chair Bruce Woodruff called the meeting to order and asked for introductions. Vanessa Price, Barrington; Michael Williams, COAST; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Wayne Lehman, Lee; Michelle Mears, Somersworth; Jill Semprini, Dover

Staff: Colin Lentz, Mark Davie, Lisa Murphy, Stephen Geis

Members attending remotely: Leigh Levine, Lucy St. John, Richard DiCillo

Staff attending remotely: Angela Cleveland, Rachel Dewey

## 2. Staff Updates

There were no staff updates

## 3. Community Updates

M Williams reported that COAST has collected lots of data from their survey.

B. Woodruff reported that the Milton town offices are getting ready to move to the Milton Industrial Park.

## 4. Action Items

# a. Minutes from April 07, 2023

MW, KK. motioned to approve the April 7, 2023. seconded the motion. A, roll call vote was taken: B. Woodruff, V. Price, M. Williams, K. Kasper, W. Burton, M. Mears, J. Semprini, R DiCillo all voted in favor. Motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor. L. St. John-abstain,

# b. Amendment 1 to the 2023-2026 TIP - Recommendation to the Policy Comm.

C. Lentz reviewed the proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. There are three projects in the amendment: The NH125 bridge over the Little River in Lee, intersection safety improvements at Indigo Hill Blackwater/NH9 in Somersworth, and two projects along NH11 north of the Spaulding Turnpike exit 15 in Rochester.

A public comment period will commence on May  $8^{th}$  and continue till a public hearing at the Policy Committee meeting on May  $19^{th}$ .

M. Williams motioned to approve the amendments as presented. B. Woodruff seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken: B. Woodruff, V. Price, M. Williams, K. Kasper, W. Burton, M. Mears, J. Semprini, R DiCillo all voted in favor. Motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor. L. St. John-abstain,

#### 5. 2023 Transportation Data Collection Season

C. Lentz stated that staff is preparing to begin transportation data collection season. Staff members S. Geis, R. Dewey and M. Davie provided a preview of efforts in 2023 including community profiles, bike pedestrian counts and traffic data collection.

## 6. 2023 Data Snapshot Presentation

Staff member Rachel Dewey highlighted the 2023 update to the Regional Data Snapshot. It includes new data, individualized community profiles, and a forthcoming online tool for users to make their own custom analysis and get quick data on their towns to support local planning efforts.

## 7. Updates and Events from NH DES

R. DiCillo stated that NHDES is holding a Green Your Fleet event on June 9 at the Speedway. There will be exhibits and demonstrations of alternative fuels, electric vehicles, technology and infrastructure. Learn from fleet managers and industry experts how to transition municipal, commercial, and light-duty vehicles and equipment to biodiesel, electric, propane, and natural gas.

#### 8. Other Business

C. Lentz stated that the deadline for the road safety audit is June 1. If there is a section of road in your town that has high accident numbers and has had a fatal crash in past 10 years, and as as long as no other safety improvements have been made in the last 5 years. You can apply for the program. Contact Colin for more information on the application.

B. Woodruff reported that there was a safety audit conducted on route 125. The town of Milton will coordinate with DOT to follow through on ultimate safety goals.

# 9. Citizens Forum

There were no citizens present.

#### 10. Adjourn

M . Mears motioned to adjourn seconded by M . Williams. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.