

 **NRPC** DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
September 15, 2010

Members Present:

Howard Dilworth, Jr., Hudson
Richard Maddox, Hudson
Bernie Manor, Hudson
Stuart Schneiderman, Hudson
Leon Barry, Litchfield

Charles Moser, Mason
Karin Elmer, Merrimack
Janet Langdell, Milford
Andy Seale, Milford
Mike Fimbel, Mont Vernon

Others Present:

Nancy Mayville, NH DOT

Staff Present:

Kerrie Diers, Executive Director
Tim Roache, Assistant Director

Julie Chizmas, Transportation Planner
Karen Baker, Administrative Assistant

While waiting for more members to show up for the Commission meeting, Diers informed the group of the Board Member Training Series being put on by NRPC with *Right to Know Law and Meetings* on Thursday, September 30th, *Site Plan Review* on Monday, November 8th, and *Transportation and the State Permitting Process* on Tuesday, November 30th all being held from 7:00 – 8:30 in the NRPC Conference Room. Additionally, she passed around the Statewide Coordinating Council (SCC) brochure and informed the members that the hope was to have the Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) group to become a formal committee under the NRPC.

Diers also passed around the NRPC Program Highlights for folks to bring back to their towns and informed that it was available on the NRPC website and if anyone needed more to let her know. She asked Karen to email the Commissioners the NRPC website link.

Lastly, Diers passed around a 2 page abstract of the Sustainable Communities Grant that was submitted by NRPC. She informed the group that 75% of the states population signed on with 80 partners on board as well.

Call to Order/Introductions

The Treasurer (Karin Elmer) started the meeting at 7:14 PM. She informed the group that she would be taking Chair duties since the Chair (Fimbel) would have to leave early and the Vice Chair (Seabury Quinlan) had resigned. In addition, Elmer said there would be no voting on the minutes, no Public Hearing or consideration for adoption of the Transportation Plans affiliated with the Hearing due to the lack of a quorum.

Privilege of the Floor

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); 2011 – 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); and 2011 – 2035 Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Staff Presentation

Elmer gave the floor to Roache who informed that he would do a brief presentation LRTP, TIP & AQ even though there was no quorum, for informational purposes. There were some discussions on whether Roache should do the presentation since there was no quorum and a public hearing with consideration for adoption could not be done. Barry and some of the others felt they were there and Roaches presentation, even though it would be repeated at a future meeting would serve as an informational piece. Diers informed that a special meeting could be scheduled to have the Public Hearing at our regular meeting night on October 20th. Roache proceeded with the presentation.

Roache provided a Power Point Presentation for those in attendance. Listed below are the highlights:

- All MPO's including NRPC are in the final phase of a two-year development cycle for the federally required, fiscally constrained draft versions of the LRTP, TIP, and AQ reports in a process that began in the Fall of 2008 timed to coincide with the development of the State's Ten Year Plan.
- Projects listed in the existing TYP, TIP & LRTP were reviewed internally and in several TTAC meetings as well as with the Commission to prioritize a draft project list for the TIP and LRTP.
- NRPC participated in the GACIT hearings on the State Ten Year Plan as well as interagency consultation process for consistency with the NRPC TIP and NHDOT listed projects.
- Air Quality Analysis completed based on projects listed in the NRPC TIP and LRTP with a 30 day public comment period which ended on September 13th.
- Comments addressed and reflected in documents, TTAC recommended approval, and a Public Hearing scheduled for September 15th.
- **New** this year was the FHWA required Congestion Management Process (CMP) which is a set of actions designed to manage the operation of the transportation system, define congestion, collect and process data, identify congested corridors/intersections, and provide performance measures and a monitoring plan. The TTAC recommended approval included the CMP being rolled into the LRTP.
- Comments:
 - NHDOT in the form of a list of projects scheduled for construction in 2010 that were delayed until 2011 or 2012
 - NHDES asked that the air quality analysis be updated following their submission of revised vehicle emission factors
 - Town of Milford submitted comments regarding the long term improvements to NH 101
 - There were no comments from FHWA, FTA, and EPA
- NRPC as the designated MPO for the region is required to adopt all three documents (LRTP, TIP, & AQ) to ensure uninterrupted access to the federal transportation funds. Failure would prevent projects in the TIP and other MPO's from moving forward.

Additionally, Roache reviewed the Air Quality Standards and the goal of making sure the proposed projects listed in TIP and LRTP do not worsen the air quality. Also, each MPO in the non-attainment area is required to provide results of the air quality analyses for their region. Roache concluded by saying that he would have to re-notice the LRTP, TIP and AQ documents since there was no quorum to vote for approval.

There were questions on documents listed (Airport Access Road & Exit 36S) that were not technically in the NRPC region as well as the illustrative projects. Roache addressed these questions. Barry questioned the stimulus funds. Mayville said all ARRA funds both State and Federal were committed and some were dedicated and available, but not obligated until construction. Mayville also addressed a question from Seale regarding funds saying that the funds are Federal to State and that sometimes from the Federal side, the funds are sent directly to the municipality.

Public Hearing

There was not a quorum, so a Public Hearing could not be held.

Consideration for Adoption

There was not a quorum, so Consideration for Adoption was postponed.

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2010

There was not a quorum, so approval of minutes will be considered at the next meeting.

Program & Committee Reports

Program and Committee Reports were not discussed but were included in the agenda packet.

Commissioners' Roundtable

Diers informed the group that they she was looking to fill a couple of Executive Committee positions and that any interested Commissioners should let her know. She explained the duties and commitment involved to be on the Executive Committee and asked everyone to please consider and also to spread the word to fellow Commissioners from their towns.

Langdell informed the group of the free Climate Action Plan workshop being put on by the Milford Community Development Office with support from the Milford Rotary being held on Tuesday, October 5th from 6:30 – 9:00pm in the Milford Town Hall Auditorium. Sherry Godlewski and Chris Skoglund with NHDES would be there to speak and answer questions.

The meeting ended at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerrie Diers, Official Recorder

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