

 **NRPC APPROVED MINUTES**
NRPC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
09/08/10

Members Present:

John Cashell, Town of Hudson
Jean Marie Kennamer (A) - City of Nashua
John St. Pierre - Town of Amherst
Steve Dookran, City of Nashua
Joe Mendola, City of Nashua

Jeff Gowan, Town of Pelham
Jeff Babel - Town of Hollis
Rick Seymour, Town of Merrimack
Roger Houston, City of Nashua
Tad Putney, Town of Brookline

Staff Present

Tim Roache, Assistant Director
Kerrie Diers, Executive Director
Steve Wagner, Regional Planner

Julie Chizmas, Transportation Planner
Matt Waitkins, NRPC
Karen M. Baker, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Eric Abrams, NHDES
Leigh Levine, FHWA
Nick Alexander, NHDOT

Emil Skoglund, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Kyle Fox, Town of Merrimack
Diane Sheehan, City of Nashua

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tim Roache opened the meeting at 12:12 with introductions

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 11TH 2010 MEETING

Roache referred to the minutes of August 11, 2010 included in the agenda packet as Attachment 1 and asked for a motion to approve. Gowan moved to approve the August 11th, 2010 minutes with a second from Babel. All were in favor and the motion passed with 3 abstentions from Putney, Dookran, & Fox.

DRAFT CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP)

Roache and Chizmas briefly discussed the CMP that was emailed to the TTAC the week previous and informed the group that they were looking for a motion from TTAC for approval to roll the CMP into NRPC's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Gowan motioned with a second coming from Cashell that the CMP be rolled into NRPC's LRTP. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PLAN UPDATES - LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP), TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

Roache briefly summarized the draft updates to the LRTP, TIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Chizmas passed around the project lists included at the back of the TIP that covered the 2011-2014 projects expected to move forward and with expected funding. She also provided a map onscreen and pointed out the bridge projects that were included and that they are not and do not need to be in the TIP. She also explained that the yellow highlighted projects were included as part of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Levine asked that the map be included as part of the finalization of the LRTP and TIP report. Chizmas said that she had planned on including that map. Roache added that the TIP was a fiscally constrained 4 year report and that he was comfortable with the projects listed in it and in the LRTP.

Chizmas and Roache referred to the memo regarding Summary of Changes to the LRTP that was handed out explaining that it was done due to the length of the LRTP. Putney had questions on the Capital Corridor project that was listed as illustrative. Roache said there was no confirmed funding for the project

and that is why it is listed as illustrative. He asked Diers if she had any more input on this project. Diers said that they were still waiting to hear on the Plan that was submitted by the State in regards to funding. Roache explained that illustrative just gives the project a placeholder until funding can be identified.

Roache informed the group that the standard for ozone is expected to come down in the near future and will be more stringent. Additionally, he said that he can't program a project that funding is not expected for, so he can't make a definitive statement and that they rely on DOT for this. Roache added that a fiscal constraint summary is available.

Mendola asked about the projects listed and the draft status of the reports. Roache said the draft refers to the version, not the projects listed.

Levine asked about the Northern crossing of the Merrimack River project and if Roache had any financial knowledge relating to the project. Roache said he did not and that its basis is on anticipated dollars coming to the region and the assumption that this project could be moved forward due to those dollars.

A member did point out that there was a typo under the Broad Street Parkway project that should read NH 130 rather than the listed NH 120. After some further discussion regarding the TIP, AQ, and LRTP, Roache informed that the documents were put out for public comment and an ad had been published in the Telegraph to reflect this. He then asked if he could get a motion from the TTAC to recommend to the full Commission for approval.

Kenamer made a motion with a second coming from Gowan for recommendation from the TTAC to the full Commission for approval of the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program, the 2011-2035 Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and the 2011-2035 Long Range Transportation Plan pending no significant public agency comments. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Abrams indicated that he and Skoglund would be sending a letter of approval with any comments to NRPC.

STAFF AND PROJECT UPDATES

Roache asked the group if they had anything to share.

Roache informed the group of a study currently out there to look at moving the Bedford tolls and that when he gets more information, he would update the group.

Waitkins informed the group of the next round of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) round of funding which has the potential for applicants to get up to \$250,000 in funding if they have a travel plan in place of up to \$100,000 for infrastructure.

Dookran motioned to adjourn with a second from Putney. The meeting adjourned at **12:42pm**.