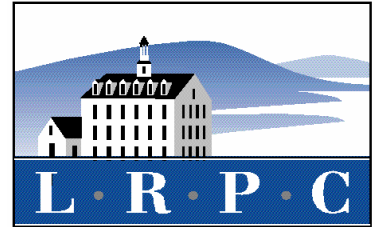


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MINUTES of February 7, 2007 TRANSPORTATION TAC MEETING Humiston Building Meredith, NH

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael Izard, Principal Planner

DATE: February 20, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting

David Bowles, Tamworth
Pat Jones, Ossipee
Tink Taylor, Holderness
David Kerr, Barnstead
John Edgar, Meredith
Rick Alpers, Ashland
George Bull, Effingham
Rick Ball, Belmont
Greg Doyon, City of Franklin
Shanna Saunders, City of Laconia
Joanne Coppinger, Moultonborough

Non-Voting

Ralph Carter, Sanbornton
Dick Waitt, LRPC Representative
Dennis Fowler, NH DOT, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
Kathy Brockett, NH DES, Air Resources Division

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Izard, LRPC
David Jeffers, LRPC
Robert Barry, New Hampton
Collette Wasman, Selectman, Meredith

1. Call to Order and Introductions

M. Izard called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves. Former Chairman Carter agreed to run this meeting in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Review of the Minutes of December 6, 2006 TAC Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.
M/S/Kerr/Bowles

2. Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment; none was given.

3. Regional Updates

M. Izard updated the Committee on several regional activities and projects:

- Regional Update of the TIP – Due to a conflicting meeting guest speaker Bill Watson, NHDOT Administrator of the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance was unable to attend. M. Izard will arrange for B. Watson to attend another TAC meeting in the near future.
- Lakes Region Transportation Plan Update – The Regional Transportation Plan Update Subcommittee held its first meeting on January 10. It was discussed that a meeting would be held every other month and that the update of the TIP may delay the regional plan.
- US Route 3/25 Study – This project is an example of the use of the CSS process advocated by NH DOT. M. Izard provided a handout illustrating the US 3/25 Project Advisory Committee’s efforts related to outline a comprehensive list of solutions that could be used to address problems identified in the project problem statement. J. Edgar stated the goal is to develop solutions that will be embraced, not rejected by the community. There was also discussion about the distinctions between rotaries and roundabouts.
- K. Brockett noted that air quality has been good throughout the region.

4. Transportation Improvement Process (TIP)

This process is conducted every two years to identify, evaluate, and propose transportation projects that are important to the region. A brief history of the program was presented along with existing Lakes Region projects. M. Izard stated that how the process will work in this update year has not yet been decided. There has been preliminary discussion about re-evaluating existing Ten Year Plan project priorities (perhaps those within the ‘important corridors’) and readiness (those with local funding in place, corridor studies, and few permitting issues).

When it was suggested that the TAC or communities might reconsider if there are alternate methods of solving some of the problems to be addressed by Ten Year Plan projects, there was discussion as to whether the TAC has the expertise/resources to reconfigure solutions. Another question asked was how the state determines which projects are CSS candidates. Discussion ensued. M. Izard suggested that other regional planning commissions have begun identifying projects that are no longer regional priorities or lack local support which could be removed from the Ten Year Plan. G. Doyon provided an example of a Ten Year Plan project in Franklin, that when evaluated was determined to be less costly to implement.

The deadline for regional TIP recommendations is April 1, 2007; the LRPC Commissioners need to adopt TAC recommendations at their March 27, 2007 meeting. M. Izard will set up a meeting in the next couple of weeks to clarify the TIP process for this year. It will be arranged such that Bill Watson of NH DOT and M. Morrill and A. Hanscomb, District Engineers can be in attendance.

It was suggested communities with a project in Ten Year Plan who do not have a TAC member present today should be notified of the importance of having a TAC representative present at the March 7 meeting. It was also suggested that a map be provided showing projects that have been proposed, those that have studies completed, and those that compliment other projects.

5. Next meeting

The next TAC meeting date, time, and location will be announced when arrangements are confirmed. All TAC members should plan to attend the March 7, 2007 meeting at the Humiston Building in Meredith prepared to discuss the Ten Year Plan projects in their community.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. *M/S/B. R. Alpers/T. Taylor*