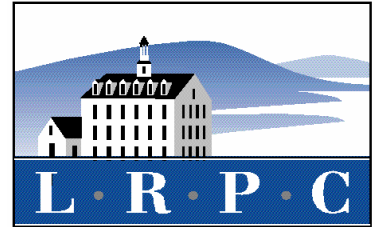


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MINUTES of March 7, 2007 TRANSPORTATION TAC MEETING Humiston Building Meredith, NH

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael Izard, Principal Planner

DATE: March 27, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting

Sheldon Morgan, Gilford - Chairman
Phyllis Taylor, Danbury - Vice Chairman
David Bowles, Tamworth
Rick Ball, Belmont
Bob Ward, Andover
Rick Alpers, Ashland
Joanne Coppinger, Moultonborough
Shanna Saunders, Laconia
David Kerr, Barnstead
John Edgar, Meredith
Robert Barry, New Hampton
Brad Harriman, Ossipee
Greg Doyon, Franklin

Non-Voting

David Ford, Wolfeboro DPW
Ralph Carter, Sanbornton
Dick Waitt, LRPC Representative
Dennis Fowler, NH DOT, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Izard, LRPC
David Jeffers, LRPC
Kimon Koulet, LRPC
Paul Moynihan, Laconia DPW
Luke Powell, Laconia DPW
Erin Plummer, Laconia Citizen

1. Call to Order

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. He welcomed everyone. The Minutes of February 7, 2007 TAC Meeting were approved as written. *M/S/Passed.*
Taylor/Barry

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:

Dianne Cooper from the Laconia Airport has been contacted and indicated she would be interested in attending a TAC meeting to give an update on upgrades to the airport. It was mentioned that the air transportation represents an important element of the regional plan.

David Rodrigue, coordinator of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for NHDOT has agreed to make a presentation to the TAC. Arrangements will be made to have David at an upcoming meeting.

The schedule for the update of the Regional Transportation Plan has been pushed back due to the extra efforts required on the Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) this spring. A new meeting date for the subcommittee working on this will need to be established.

Information and a survey have been sent to community Boards of Selectmen regarding the NH DOT "Safe Routes to Schools" program. The Regional Planning Commissions have agreed to work with Safe Routes to Schools coordinator to summarize the results of the survey and to make recommendations regarding community readiness to work on this program. TAC members are encouraged to contact their selectmen regarding this material.

4. TIP Recap

M. Izard distributed a revised matrix of Lakes Region projects in the Ten Year Plan being evaluated for the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Revisions to the matrix include the removal of four projects: a Transportation Enhancement (TE) project in Tamworth and three municipally managed projects in Franklin, Gilford, and Sanbornton. The reason for the change is that these projects are funded differently than all other projects being considered.

5. Draft TIP

At the February 22 TAC meeting, TAC members were asked to provide additional information on specific Ten Year Plan Projects by answering the following question:

1. Does the problem being addressed by the project still exist?
2. Is there local support for this project?
3. Is there a portion of this project that can be addressed near term that will

mitigate some or the entire problem? If so, please describe.

A Draft 2007 TIP was distributed by M. Iazard; this was based on written comments and discussion. Updated project information was presented by a TAC member or community representative. Most projects were still supported by communities. Through discussion, TAC members offered the following comments on projects in their communities:

Alton-Gilford (#10606) S. Morgan and D. Waitt: more clearly define whether the communities support a bypass or reconstruction.

Andover (#14172) B. Ward: project should be listed as a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) candidate

Andover (#2754) B. Ward: recommended this project should be removed from the Ten Year plan. (Generally it was agreed that a letter would be needed by the Board of Selectmen stating the communities desire to have a project removed from the plan.)

Belmont (#12792) R. Ball: this project is supported by the community, phasing has been identified, short term improvements are being worked on.

Danbury (#3268) P. Taylor: should be included as a CSS candidate, the pedestrian improvements portion of this project serves a school and should be considered for the Safe Routes to Schools program.

Franklin-Northfield (#1813) G. Doyon: there is community support for a feasibility study, this project is appropriate for CSS

Laconia-Meredith (#2768) P. Moynahan : a priority for the city is the three-way intersection at the southern reach of this project in the Weirs. Shoulders on Route 3 are less important than improvements to this intersection.

Meredith (#10430) J. Edgar: the town is seeking assistance from the NH DOT Safety Committee regarding possible short-term safety improvements outside the scope of this project.

Meredith (#3527) J. Edgar: the intersection of Tracy Way and NH Route 106 remains a priority safety component of this project.

Moultonborough (#2737) J. Coppinger: project limits within an SPR corridor study approved by NHDOT, candidate for CSS and Safe Routes to Schools program is appropriate here.

Ossipee (#10431, #13910, and #2762) B. Harriman: there is community support for each project.

Wolfeboro (#13854) D. Ford: this project is high on the District Engineer's list and should be a candidate for CSS.

6. **TIP Other**

J. Edgar updated the TAC on a safety project that Meredith would like included in the Ten Year Plan; the three-way intersection of Meredith Center, Corliss Hill, and Livingston Roads in Meredith Center.

7. **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the LRPC TAC to finalize the TIP recommendations will be held in the Franklin Public Library Meeting Room on April 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. The next meeting of the TAC to address the Regional Plan Update will be held May 2 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the first floor conference room of Humiston Building in Meredith.