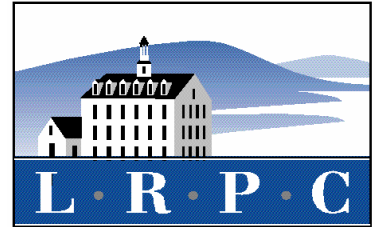


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MINUTES of April 4, 2007 TRANSPORTATION TAC MEETING Franklin Public Library Franklin, NH

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael IZARD, Principal Planner

DATE: April 18, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting

Sheldon Morgan, Gilford (Chairman)
Greg Doyon, Franklin
David Bowles, Tamworth
Malcom Taylor, Holderness
Rick Ball, Belmont
John Edgar, Meredith
Brad Harriman, Ossipee
Shanna Saunders, Laconia
Bob Barry, New Hampton
Rob Houseman, Wolfeboro
Bob Ward, Andover

Non-Voting

Dick Waitt, LRPC Representative
Luke Powell, Laconia DPW
Dennis Fowler, NH DOT, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
Kathleen Brockett, NH DES, Air Resources Division
Alan Hanscom, NH DOT, District 2

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike IZARD, LRPC
David Jeffers, LRPC
Kimon Koulet, LRPC
Erin Plummer, Laconia Citizen

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 7, 2007 TAC meeting were approved as written.

M/S/Passed Bowles/ Taylor

The minutes of the February 22, 2007 TAC meeting were approved as written.

M/S/Passed Ball/Taylor

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

3. Regional Updates

M. Izard began by checking with members regarding electronic communications, he is striving to do as much electronic communication as possible; some representatives have requested to be reminded of meetings by telephone. There was a suggestion that some larger documents such as the Transportation Improvement Plan might be accessed on the LRPC web site.

Five communities responded to the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program; Andover, Laconia, Gilford, and Tuftonboro were interested while Meredith did not think that it is practicable for the Lakeland School. There is still an opportunity for communities to express interest in this program by contacting the SRTS Coordinator, John Corrigan.

4. TIP Review

M. Izard began by reviewing the TIP recommendations development process, pointing out that NH DOT asked the regional planning commissions to review Ten Year Plan projects for need, local support, and opportunities to implement portions of projects that will mitigate some or the entire problem. Printed copies of the draft plan were handed out to members who were present.

Generally, community responses supported projects as described in the NHDOT Ten Year Plan project descriptions. Exceptions to this were noted in Laconia, New Hampton, and Meredith. Each project description change was discussed in detail and the TAC voted on recommendations for each as follows:

- Laconia (Project ID # 2768) - It is recommended that the scope of this project should include a study to evaluate the layout and need for signalization at two key intersections.
M/S/Passed Morgan/Taylor
- Meredith (Meredith Center Road) - It is recommended that NHDOT consider allocating design resources to this project. *M/S/Passed Edgar/Morgan*
- New Hampton (Project ID #3267) - It is recommended to include the additional work to construct a interconnecting road in the vicinity of Exit 23 as part of the over-all NH Route

104 reconstruction project description. *M/S/Passed Barry/Bowles*

The TIP report with refinements will be posted by April 20 for review and comment by TAC representatives. LRPC Commissioners will vote on this at their April 30 meeting. Several representatives commented on how well the TIP recommendations were formatted and presented.

B. Ward suggested that the US Route 4 project in Andover should be reduced in its extent. This is contrary to recommendations from NHDOT District 3 and the Andover Board of Selectmen. A meeting between B. Ward and the Andover Selectmen is scheduled for April 16. There was much discussion both on this project leading to a motion asking if the TAC was willing to approve the TIP, “subject to Andover’s follow-up submittal.” *M/S/Failed Ward/Edgar*

5. Other

K. Brockett reminded the TAC that we are approaching the summer season when air quality in New Hampshire is impacted the most by auto emissions. The Lakes Region has not had problems with attainment of federal air quality standards but some coastal and southern areas of the state have. She distributed air quality information to those present.

June 6 was established as the next TAC meeting. May 2 will be the next regional plan update meeting from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the Humiston Building in Meredith.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM. *M/S/Passed Barry/Bowles*