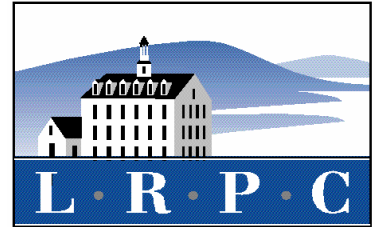


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MINUTES of August 29, 2007 TRANSPORTATION TAC MEETING
Meredith Community Center, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Meredith, NH

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael Izard, Principal Planner

DATE: October 1, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting

Sheldon Morgan, Gilford (Chairman)
Phyllis Taylor, Danbury (Vice Chairman)
David Bowles, Tamworth
Ralph Carter, Sanbornton
Malcolm Taylor, Holderness
Bob Barry, New Hampton
David Kerr, Barnstead
Greg Doyon, City of Franklin
Chuck Connell, Moultonborough
Brian Forst, Gilmanton

Non-Voting

Herb Farnum, LRPC Commissioner (Moultonborough), Alternate
Barbara Lucas, New Hampton (Alternate)

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Watson, NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT)
Bill Cass, NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT)
Steve Favorite, Bristol
Warren Hutchins, LRPC Commissioner-Laconia
Joanne Farnum, Moultonborough
Fred Hatch, Meredith Transportation Advisory Committee (MTAC)
Bill Dawson, Northfield Planning Board
Christina Ashjian, Moultonborough
Michael Izard, LRPC
David Jeffers, LRPC
Kimon Koulet, LRPC
Gail Oher, Laconia Citizen
Adam Drapcho, Laconia Daily Sun

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

2. Meeting Purpose

Chairman Morgan explained that the purpose of this special TAC meeting regarding the Ten Year Transportation Plan with B. Cass and B. Watson was to learn more about why NH DOT made the recommendations that it did, what specific type of project alterations it might consider as useful, and what sort of local and regional response to the recommended Plan the TAC wishes to suggest.

3. Status of the Ten Year Plan

The construction cost of existing projects in the Ten Year Plan are estimated a \$4.1 billion while anticipated revenues are \$2.1 billion. William Cass, NHDOT Assistant Director of Project Development and Bill Watson, NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance Administrator provided details regarding the proposed Draft Ten Year Plan and the rationale for changes. The three leading reasons provided were:

- A dramatic rise in construction costs in the last couple of years;
- No increase (and possibly a decrease) in future federal transportation funding;
- Project costs are current year based, as opposed to adjusted for inflation to estimate the “project year” cost.

The priorities of NH DOT are capacity preservation, rehabilitation, and safety.

4. Project Discussion

There was discussion regarding project specifics for several Lakes Region projects. Projects discussed included:

- Barnstead/Alton (2738)
- Bristol-NH Route 104
- Belmont/Laconia (2787)
- Laconia/Meredith (2768)
- Franklin/Northfield Connector (1813)
- New Hampton/Meredith (3267)
- Northfield/Belmont (709)
- Andover-Franklin (3522)

It was suggested that NHDOT might consider including greater detail that describes regarding the proposed reductions, to enhance the dialogue and problem-solving. It was stated that the two Lakes Region projects proposed for removal from the Ten Year Plan were the result of past corridor studies. It was suggested that both the completion of Exit 19 project in Northfield and the study for a connector road between Franklin and Northfield should remain in the Ten Year Plan.

6. Other

The next meeting of the TAC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5 at 2:00 PM at the Humiston Building in Meredith. The focus of the meeting will be to review the goals,

objectives, and strategies of the current plan as well as the recommended additions developed by the TAC subcommittee. All TAC members are encouraged to attend. It was suggested that the meeting time be extended an hour to address a regional response to the Draft Ten Year Plan.

7. **Adjourned 5:59 PM**
M/S/Passed Bowels/Barry