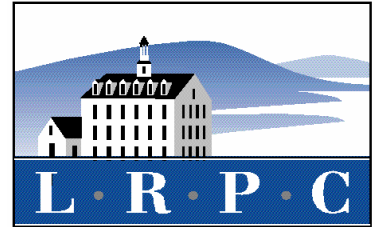


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MINUTES of October 3, 2007 TRANSPORTATION TAC MEETING
Ossipee Town Hall
Center Ossipee, NH

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael Izard, Principal Planner

DATE: October 18, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting

Sheldon Morgan, Gilford (Chairman)
Brad Harriman, Ossipee
David Bowles, Tamworth
Malcolm Taylor, Holderness

Non-Voting

Dick Waitt, LRPC Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Izard, LRPC
David Jeffers, LRPC
Kathy Brockett, NH DES Air Resources Division

1. Call to Order

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM. He welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The August 1, 2007 minutes were approved as written.
M/S/Passed M. Taylor/D. Bowles

The September 5, 2007 minutes were approved as written.
M/S/Passed D. Ford/D. Bowles

Chairman Morgan asked for public input, none was provided.

3. **Regional Updates**

Based on TAC recommendations, a letter was set from the LRPC Executive Board Chairman to NHDOT Commissioner O'Leary outlining the Lakes Region response to the Draft Ten Year Plan 2009-2018. It was stated that the upcoming GACIT hearings on the Draft Ten Year Plan 2009-2018 are scheduled for October 11 at 12:30 at the Barnstead Town Hall and October 18 at 7:00 PM at the Franklin City Hall.

It was reported by K. Brockett that toll increases had just been approved; most tolls throughout the state will increase \$.25.

The Planning Commission is making arrangements for its January Commissioner meeting to focus on the topic of transportation issues and funding.

M. Izard described the status of the NH Route 25 Corridor Study:

- There has been excellent turnout at the meetings;
- Several firms have responded to a Request for Qualifications to develop preliminary designs for safety improvements;
- Data collection has been supplemented the availability of safety audits completed by the UNH Technology Transfer Center;
- A project webpage has been developed which can be viewed at <http://www.lakesrpc.org/transportation/route25/index.htm>

K. Brockett updated the Committee on New Hampshire's air quality. Although there were slightly more days of ozone exceedence this year (six in 2007 vs. 4 in 2006), the actual amount above the EPA ozone limits were lower. NH DES feels that the reduction programs in place in the southern and western sections of the state are making a difference, especially when compared with the air quality in the 1990s.

Tink Taylor has been appointed as the Lakes Region representative to the newly formed NH Rail Authority. He provided an update on the work of that group.

4. **Regional Transportation Plan**

M. Izard stated the last TAC Meeting focused on the Regional Transportation Plan update, by addressing goals and objectives. The hope for today's meeting is to focus on Plan strategies, key transportation issues, and maps.

New objectives and strategies discussed by the TAC subcommittee were voted on by the TAC for inclusion in the update. Thirty-one strategies in Plan 2000 were highlighted by LRPC for discussion as to whether these still are applicable to the region. The Committee was asked to review each strategy and decide whether it should remain in the Plan or be modified; S. Morgan asked that each action be moved, seconded, and voted upon.

LRPC staff will take incorporate these comments into the Draft Plan and distribute it by October 31. The November 7 meeting in Meredith will be for discussion of Draft Plan. The Plan needs to be finalized by December 31, 2007. The Committee was asked to focus on the Key Transportation Issues (pages 3 – 5).

5. Adjourned 4:01 PM

M/S/Passed D. Bowles/B. Harriman