

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Voting**

Sheldon Morgan, Gilford (Chairman)  
David Bowles, Tamworth  
Malcolm Taylor, Holderness  
Brad Harriman, Ossipee  
David Kerr, Barnstead  
Greg Doyon, Franklin

**Non-Voting**

Dick Waitt, LRPC Representative

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Michael Izard, LRPC  
David Jeffers, LRPC

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. He welcomed everyone.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The August 29, 2007 minutes were approved with revision.

*M/S/Passed M. Taylor/Kerr*

The October 3, 2007 minutes were approved.

*M/S/Passed Harriman/M. Taylor*

The Chairman asked for public input, there was none.

**3. Regional Updates**

M. Izard announced that there will be two more GACIT hearings on the draft Ten Year Transportation Plan. The meetings are open to the public and TAC members are encouraged to attend. The meetings will be held on November 14 and 28 at NH DOT in Concord.

M. Izard distributed a handout from the University of New Hampshire, Technology Transfer Center (UNH T<sup>2</sup>) on Road Surface Management System (RSMS). It was noted that LRPC has completed the data collection and modeling associated with an RSMS in the town of Hill. This service of assessing road surface conditions and presenting options for towns and their staff is a useful tool for planning and budgeting. Hill is incorporating this into their Capital Improvements Program.

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Information was providing regarding the upcoming, invitation only Northeast Summit on Transportation and Conservation planning to be held December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Concord. LRPC staff will attend and provide an update at the next TAC meeting.

Work is progressing on the NH Route 25 Corridor Study. LRPC has met with the engineers in the field as a first step for providing recommendations for safety improvements.

M. Taylor updated the TAC on the NH Rail Authority. There is discussion of linking Lowell, MA to Manchester and possibly on to Concord. Also discussed were the cost of rail construction (about 20% that of roads) and the social factors associated with rail travel.

**4. Regional Transportation Plan**

M. Izard pointed out several items in the most recent draft of the Regional Transportation Plan will be modified based on in-house review. These items include data on existing road conditions, facts about the costs of vehicle operations, and supporting documentation for the section entitled *Key Transportation Issues*. Copies of the revised draft Plan will be distributed to stakeholders in mid-December with review comments due back at the end of the month. The January 2008 Lakes Region Commission meeting will be dedicated to Transportation, at this meeting the Regional Transportation Plan will be considered for acceptance.

The TAC discussed several items highlighted in the draft that require additional thought. Discussion centered on alternative modes, transportation costs, traffic trends, and regional transportation needs. Final changes made to the Plan will be e-mailed to TAC members and stakeholders in early to mid- December.

The next TAC meeting will be January 9, 2008 in Holderness. There was a desire expressed to get an update on UNH T<sup>2</sup> programs.

**5. Adjourned 3:42 PM**  
*M/S/Passed Doyon/Bowles*