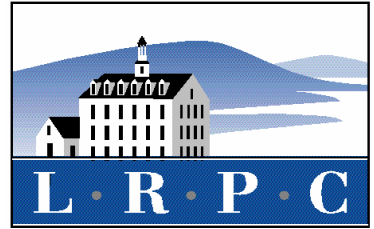


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TAC ADVISORY MEETING

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Gilford Town Hall, Gilford, NH

2:00 - 4:00 PM

AGENDA

2:00 Call to Order and Introductions

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (requires a motion)

Public Comment

2:05 TAC Election of Officers

2:15 Regional Updates

2:30 TIP Scoring Criteria - Status Report of the Scoring Criteria Subcommittee

3:15 Presentation: *Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services*

Patrick C. Herlihy, Transportation Coordinator, NH Department of Health and Human Services

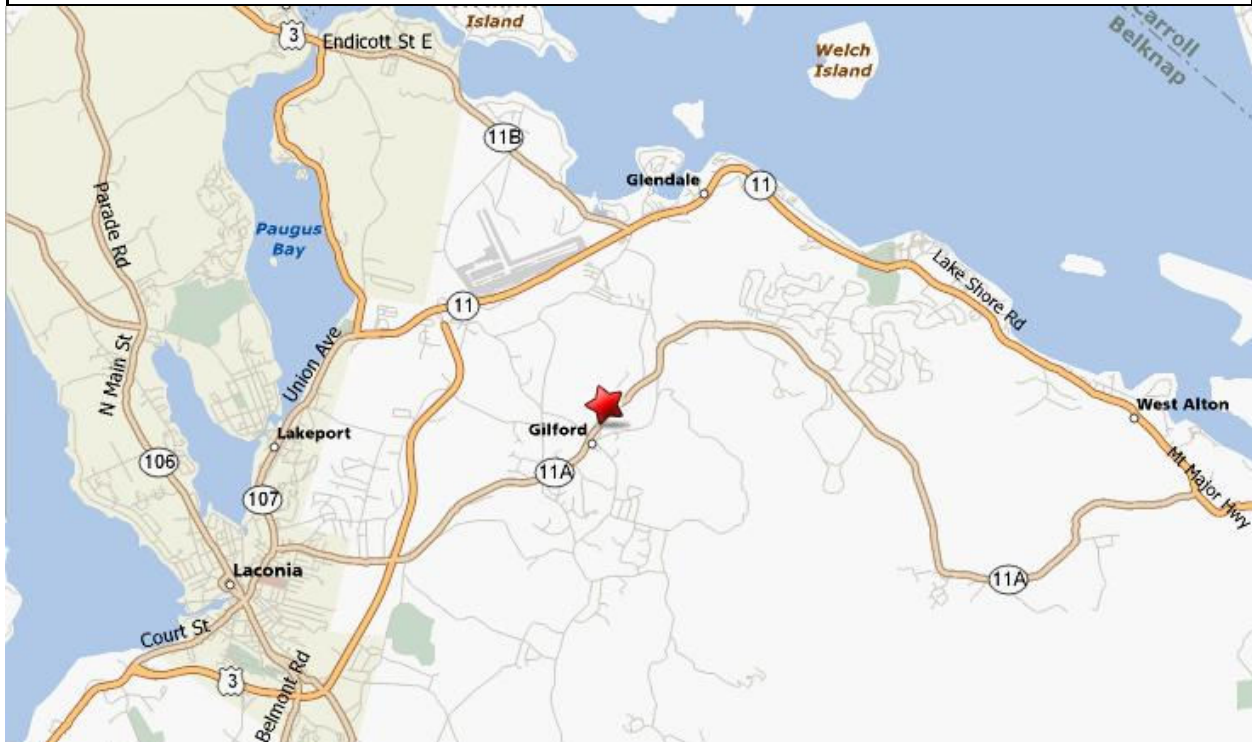
4:00 Adjourn

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Statewide Committee Completes Review of Round 2 Applications; Others Urged to Start Planning

Skyrocketing fuel costs, an epidemic of childhood overweight and obesity, and concerns about air pollution and global warming are converging to make Safe Routes to School (SRTS) an inviting option for New Hampshire communities. More than two dozen applications affecting 46 schools were filed for the Round 2 cycle of federal reimbursement grants. They join the communities that were awarded funds in Round 1, announced in 2007.

A Statewide Advisory Committee (SAC) has completed its review of applications, and will make recommendations to Commissioner George N. Campbell in the near future. Consisting of planners, organizations committed to safe walking and bicycling, and government agencies, the SAC held two public meetings with applicants in July. Members then met to discuss the applications on Aug. 4.

Round 3 has not yet been scheduled, but NHDOT expects to open an application period beginning in late fall or early winter 2008.

The purpose of SRTS is to enable and encourage children in kindergarten through eighth grade, including students with disabilities, to safely walk or ride bicycles from home to school. Intended to serve children who live within approximately two miles of school, SRTS responds to a decades-long trend of youngsters being driven to school in private vehicles.

NHDOT, which manages the program in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has received applications for nearly \$1.5 million in Round 2. The department awarded more than \$477,000 in Round 1. About half of the Round 2 applications are for "startup funding" of up to \$5,000. This indicates that municipal, school and community leaders are recognizing the need for local planning and community organizing to enable and encourage safe walking and cycling.

Other Round 2 applicants seek reimbursement funding for more comprehensive planning as well as infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure programs.

Source: http://www.nh.gov/dot/bureaus/planning/SRTS_home.htm