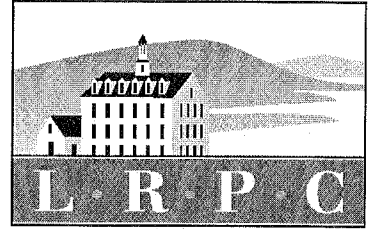


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TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
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DATE: May 5, 2010

## Minutes of April 7, 2010 LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Barnstead Library, Barnstead, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Sheldon Morgan, Gilford (Chairman)	Michael IZARD, LRPC
Brad Harriman, Ossipee (Vice Chairman)	David Jeffers, LRPC
Jeff Haines, Center Harbor	R. Murray Campbell, Bristol
David Kerr, Barnstead	Dick Waitt, LRPC Commissioner (Gilford)
John Gotjen, Tamworth	Kathleen Brockett, NH DES – Air Resources Division
	Dean Eastman, NH DOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance

### 1 Call to Order

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. He thanked the town of Barnstead for hosting this TAC meeting and noted how nice the meeting space is. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting as written.

M/S/Passed Kerr/Haines

### 2 Regional Updates

S. Morgan reminded the TAC that they had made recommendations regarding the definition of a quorum for the TAC for voting purposes. He met with the LRPC Executive Board and they took it under advisement. The issue does not seem to be a pressing one for them. D. Waitt commented that the Board felt there was no need to change the existing system.

M. IZARD noted the March submission of a joint LRPC and North Country Council application to NH DOT to develop a Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council (RCC). This is similar to the ongoing effort in Region 3 (Belknap and Merrimack counties). A decision could be made as early as April 16. The proposed work effort would span 12 – 18 months.

K. Brockett explained to the TAC that EPA will be proposing new ozone standards in August 2010; NH DES would have a year to address the new standard. The standard prior to 2008 was 0.085 ppm, since 2008 the standard has been 0.075 ppm. Currently all of the Lakes Region meets the ozone standard. The proposed standard will likely be between 0.06 and 0.070 ppm. The reason for this change is that there is recognition by EPA that ozone impacts human health at lower levels than originally thought. This may lead to a greater number of non-attainment areas. There was discussion about data availability and air quality recording equipment. She reminded members that April 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. K. Brockett informed the TAC that CO<sub>2</sub> regulations to address climate change are likely on the way but still down the road a bit.

D. Kerr asked whether NH DOT or NH DES get involved with the improper storage of road salt. This led to discussions regarding pervious pavement, salt consumption by private businesses, and the desire to avoid lawsuits related to accidents. It was pointed out that there are workshops on salt application and storage being offered throughout the state.

D. Eastman stated that five Scenic Byways projects from around the state have been funded. He noted that the process is getting more difficult; it requires local cash match in hand and the Federal Highways in-kind match standard is getting stricter.

M. Izard explained that at a recent meeting of NH DOT's Transportation Planning Collaborative (TPC) RPCs were provided with a FHWA form for collecting local financial data related to roads. LRPC is to gather this information from seven communities, including Laconia; a handout was provided and discussed. This is a task identified under the UPWP. There were comments from TAC members about the different ways in which communities break out their expenditures.

Also discussed at the TPC was the topic of Developments of Regional Impact (DRI). M. Izard explained a recent RSA change that provides RPCs the opportunity/responsibility to develop guidelines for local planning board use in determining if a proposal potentially has a regional impact. NH DOT offered to assist RPCs in development of transportation guidelines. LRPC plans to have a DRI workshop in the spring or summer; it would be helpful to have TAC representation at this workshop.

### 3 **Draft Transit and Human Services Plan: Region 3**

M. Izard reminded the TAC members that LRPC staff has been working on the development of the Draft Coordinated Transit and Human Services Plan for Region 3. He reviewed the various comments that had been received during the Public Comment period. D. Kerr expressed concern about adequate ridership. TAC members extended their appreciation to D. Kerr for his thorough review of the document and his thoughtful comments.

A motion was made to recommend the LRPC Commission accept the Coordinated Transit and Human Services Plan for Region 3 with the proposed changes outlined in the staff report. M/S/Passed unanimously Haines/Harriman

**4 Safe Routes to Schools Funding**

M. Izard distributed a matrix showing the SRtS applications, scores, and awards for Grant Round 4; \$2.9M were requested, \$1.4M were awarded. He noted that additional information was helpful to the committee in evaluating the Wolfeboro project. There was discussion about the quality of projects in this round and the evaluation process.

**5 Lakes Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

A draft outline was distributed by M. Izard. He noted that some interesting planning ideas have come out of Vermont. This plan development process may be impacted by LRPC staff transition. The plan should acknowledge the accomplishments over the past six years in the development of portions of the Lakes Region Connector and go beyond this. The TAC discussed connections with the Scenic Byways program along with who might be the users of this information, and the topic of road shoulders.

**6 Other Business**

The next TAC meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 2:00 PM, the location is to be determined. Interest was expressed in having a visit to the DES Air Quality Monitoring Station in Laconia. K. Brockett and M. Izard will coordinate this.

**7 Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

M/S/Passed Gotjen/Haines