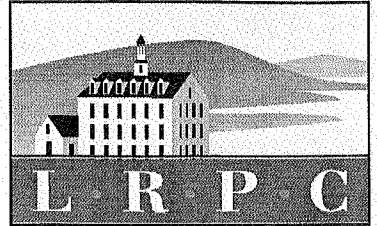



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TO: Lakes Region Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael Izard, Principal Planner 

DATE: February 1, 2012

Minutes of December 7, 2011
LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Humiston Building, 1st Floor Conference Room
Meredith, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Shanna Saunders, Laconia
Malcolm Taylor, Holderness
Rick Ball, Belmont
Ken McWilliams, Alton
David Kerr, Barnstead
Sheldon Morgan, Gilford, Chair
John Edgar, Meredith
Jeffery Haines, Center Harbor
Bruce Woodruff, Moultonborough
Brad Harriman, Ossipee, Vice Chair
Dave Ford, Wolfeboro
Murray Campbell, Bristol

OTHERS PRESENT

Anthony Belmonte, LRPC
Eric Senecal, LRPC
Michael Izard, LRPC
Dick Waitt, LRPC Representative, Gilford
Terry Paige, CAPBMCI

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM., and introductions were made.

Chairman Morgan distributed and provided opportunity for members to read a letter received from LRPC Executive Board Chairman, Stanley Bean expressing appreciation for the TACs efforts and diligence.

2. Regional Updates

- M. Izard provided an update on the activity of the Transportation Planning Collaborative (IPC). The TPC is a quarterly gathering of the regional planning commission transportation staff, staff from NHDOT Department of Planning and Community Assistance, NHDOT engineers and a representative from the FHWA. The TPC is an initiative started by NHDOT two years ago to improve inter-agency

communication and process. At the September 2011 meeting, Bill Watson, NHDOT Planning and Community Assistance Administrator raised the question of how best for the TPC to proceed. M. Izard asked if there were any issues affecting communities that could benefit from being addressed at a collaborative meeting with NHDOT. Discussion ensued.

Several suggestions were made about the value of any opportunity to improve NHDOT communications with municipalities. Other suggestions included: exploring and integrating state criteria for project evaluation with regional criteria, improvements to the Safe Routes to Schools program, inviting legislative representatives to the TPC meetings to help them understand what the issues are, and advertising the TPC meetings through press releases.

D. Ford suggested that the TPC may not be the best use of time. S. Saunders asked if the TAC could be briefed following TPC meetings. She expressed a value in supporting any communication with NHDOT. J. Edgar suggested discussing the NHDOT role in the Sustainable Communities Initiative. S. Morgan expressed a need for the state to interact more and share information more effectively.

- E. Senecal provided an update on the bicycle and pedestrian planning process, and presented slides of the online survey results and research on safety and road design. He asked members to review a draft revised vision statement and provide thoughts and comments. There was a discussion of the vision for the region.

NHDOT shoulder width data was mapped by LRPC and presented to ask for feedback on accuracy. Members indicated the map quality made it difficult to interpret potential inaccuracies, but generally it appeared in areas with widths are overstated. Clarification was requested on the methodology. A discussion of shoulder space ensued. S. Morgan mentioned that a wide shoulder can have unintended consequences. D. Ford mentioned that narrowing the travel lane is more cost effective than widening the shoulder. E. Senecal presented NHDOT's lane allocation modification request policy, as conveyed by the Intermodal Facilities Engineer, and asked members if they were aware of this policy. B. Woodruff indicated that NHDOT communicates the repaving schedule and will incorporate such a request into the resurfacing schedule or else grind off the lines the following year. He shared his experience from Dover.

S. Morgan asked for a few people to volunteer to provide editorial review of the draft plan by 12/14. S. Morgan, B. Woodruff, and D. Ford volunteered.

3. Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for February, 1 at 2:00 PM, at the Humiston Building in Meredith.

4. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved

M/S/Passed Waitt/Taylor