

Minutes of April 3, 2019
LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Humiston Building, 103 Main St. Suite #1
Meredith, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

George Tuthill, Alexandria
David Kerr, Barnstead
Steve Favorite, Bristol
Malcolm “Tink” Taylor, Holderness
Sheldon Morgan, Gilford - Chair
Dari Sassan, Tilton
John Edgar, Meredith
Krista Larsen, Laconia
Robert Ward, Moultonborough
John Gotjen, Tamworth
Matt Sullivan, Wolfeboro
Jeff Haines, Center Harbor
Brad Harriman, Ossipee – Vice Chair
Lloyd Wood, Tuftonboro
Robert Pollock, New Hampton

OTHERS PRESENT

Nancy Spaulding, NH DOT, District 3
Bill Dowey, Bristol (Alt.)
Kevin Quinlan, Moultonborough Selectman
Mark Warren, Gilmanton Selectman
William Rose, NH DOT Planning Bureau
Susan Slack, LRPC
David Jeffers, LRPC
Jeff Hayes, LRPC

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and approval of Draft Minutes

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

2. Approve Draft Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 6 meeting.

M/S/Passed Gotjen/Tuthill

Abstained: Taylor, Pollock, Harriman

J. Edgar provided an update on improvements at and around the intersection of US3 and NH25 in Meredith. This included a history of the project to relieve congestion and improve pedestrian safety. It has evolved from lanes and land to pedestrian protection. Elements include:

- Emergency lights at the Fire Station
- Two crosswalks consolidated into one with a motion-activated light.
- Minor adjustments to lanes
- Adaptive signal controls at intersection – sensor-based making real-time adjustments
- These are not intended to solve congestion, simply manage pedestrians better.

- Paving and striping will occur this spring along with some better drainage.
- Rehabilitating the sidewalks.

3. **Prioritize Lakes Region Ten-Year Plan Project Proposals**

S. Morgan and S. Slack introduced the twelve projects that were put forward for consideration in the years 2029-2030 of the Ten-Year Plan, where approximately \$5.1 million has been allocated for projects in the Lakes Region. The scoring criteria to be utilized and the scoring procedures were reviewed. Time was then made available for a brief presentation reviewing each proposal and opportunity to address questions (usually by a local representative).

- Tilton: Main Street US 3 - D. Sasson: First of three projects. Development and installation of a formal roundabout on Main Street at School Street to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety concerns.
- Moultonborough: NH 25 & Redding Ln – Selectman K. Quinn: Safety is major factor. Mentioned matching funding. Corner lot is being considered for commercial development. N. Spaulding suggested asking the developer to reserve land for future reconfiguration of road. Offered to swap existing Lakeshore project for this.
- Tamworth: Chocorua Lake Rd. – J. Gotjen: A means for improving safety for left-turning traffic from NH16 has been a long-standing need.
- Tamworth: Depot Rd. – J. Gotjen: This project addresses speed changes, back up from the traffic signals, and road alignment at the intersection with NH16.
- Gilmanton: NH 140/NH 107 – Selectman M. Warren: Connects Laconia to Pittsfield and Alton to Tilton. Discussed speed, hills, and accident history at intersection. The master plan identified it as most dangerous intersection in town. Project would improve intersection safety.

Wm. Rose pointed out that any further projects listed have neither been reviewed nor had engineering/pricing conducted by NH DOT

- New Hampton: NH 104 – R. Pollock: Anticipate continued development in the area. Request a planning study and recommendation of priority actions.
- Meredith: US 3/NH 104 – J. Edgar: Major redo of the tandem intersections. Consolidate two intersections into one. Improve flow of traffic. Not a pedestrian area. High traffic volumes. Much land is available.
- Tilton: US 3 (East Main St.) – D. Sasson: Second of three projects. I-93 to downtown Tilton. Focus on sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety. Eliminate short stretch of four lanes.
- Tilton: US 3 (West Main St.) – D. Sasson: Downton Tilton to Winnisquam High School. More pedestrian/bike infrastructure. It was suggested that this might be a candidate for TAP or STP funding. Could be Federal Aid Eligible.
- Meredith: NH 25 – J. Edgar: Residual from the US3/NH 25 study. Seven different intersections of concern on high volume NH25 from Pleasant Street to Center Harbor TL. A combination of ways to improve turning movements. Seeking to find options and then prioritization of projects, followed by planning and construction on the highest prioritization project(s).

- Plymouth: US 3 – S. Slack: This project was identified by the District Engineer. Raising profile of road above current level to reduce flooding.
- Bristol: NH 3A (Lake St.) – B. Dowey: This proposal is aimed at addressing safety and economic concerns. The concept is to combine the two projects in TYP and coordinate with the potential extension of utilities from the town to the base of the lake. Would require revising TYP. Difficult cycling. Opening new park near Pemi River. Plan to put sewer and high speed fiber in between downtown and lake, looking to move forward from 2027 to 2023.

Scores will be tallied. These will be brought to the LRPC Executive Board for final approval and submission to NH DOT.

4. **Regional Updates**

Updates on additional recent activity –

- Ossipee NH 28/171 roundabout project. Tree work has begun and the job is going out to bid. HSIP project should be completed by 2019 (B. Harriman).
- NH Pedestrian Bicycle Transportation Plan. Please comment on the state’s online interactive bicycling map www.nhpedbikeplan.com.
- Discussion of the status of funding for the Franklin Whitewater development
- State School property in Laconia (J. Hayes)
 - Three potential transportation projects have been discussed
 - Potential uses include a sports complex, major hotel, and commercial development along NH 106
 - Buildings will likely need to be torn down, and while there is some asbestos in them, there is not as much Brownfields-type contamination as originally anticipated
- J. Hayes gave an update on the WOW Trail request for support, addressing the role of the Lakes Region TAC, balancing technical vs. political decisions.
- B. Harriman gave an update on bridge improvements on NH 16. Three-year project to do three “Slide-In Bridges.”

5. **Other Business**

There was a request to review the possibility of revising the name of the TAC, dropping the word “Technical.” This will be an item on the May TAC agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2019 2:00 PM, possible location Tilton Town Hall.

6. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

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