



TAC Meeting

DRAFT Minutes of October 3, 2018

Meredith Community Center

Members Present

Sheldon Morgan, Chair—Gilford
David Kerr—Barnstead
Steve Favorite—Bristol
Malcom “Tink” Taylor—Holderness
Robert Pollock—New Hampton
John Edgar — Meredith
John Gotjen—Tamworth
Lloyd Wood—Tuftonboro
Jeff Haines – Center Harbor
Rick Ball – Belmont
Brian Barry – Franklin
Jason Hayden (alt) - Gilford
Krista Larson – Laconia
Joseph Fagnant – Plymouth
David Ford - Wolfeboro

Non-Voting Members

Nancy Spaulding, NHDOT District 3
Lucy St. John , NHDOT

Others

Mardean Badger – Ashland Presenter
Eli Badger – Ashland
Charlie Smith – Ashland Town Administrator
Dick Lewis – Franklin Presenter
Marty Parichand, Franklin Presenter
Ally King – Plymouth Presenter

LRPC Staff

Susan Slack, Principal Planner
Jeff Hayes, Executive Director
Dave Jeffers, Regional Planner
Samantha Tuttle, Meeting Recorder

1. Call to Order | Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Introductions of attendees and guests.
Introduced Plymouth as a new member of the LRPC.

2. Approve Draft Minutes

The chair asked if there were any changes needed to the draft minutes and called for a motion to approve minutes from the September 5th TAC meeting.

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3. Review of Transportation Alternatives Project Scoring Process

Susan gave a brief explanation of how all members are going to evaluate and score the Transportation Alternatives grant applications presented by four municipalities. All members were given applications packets, scoring sheets and scoring criteria table. Each municipality’s applicant will have 15 minutes to give their presentations.

4. Presentation – Town of Ashland

Mardean Badger, chair of the Ashland Planning Board, presented the town’s project. The town proposes to extend sidewalks to improve walkability and safety along high-traffic business areas on West Street and residential areas on Winter Street. The West Street segment will involve 1,350 feet of sidewalk. The Winter Street segment will involve 800 feet of sidewalk.

5. Presentation – Town of Belmont

Rick Ball, Belmont’s Land Use Technician, presented the town’s proposal for Phase 2 of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail beginning on Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3) at the Agway and include a high-intensity activated cross walk (HAWK) for crossing Route 3, follow several town roads and end at Jefferson Road. The town established a capital reserve fund to support the project and provide the town’s 20% match. It currently totals \$115,000 and another \$85,000 would be requested at the 2019 Town Meeting. The long-term goal is to connect to the Winni River Trail to the south, in Tilton, and the WOW Trail, to the north, in Laconia. The total length of this phase of the project is 2.4 miles. .

6. Presentation - City of Franklin

Dick Lewis, Planning Director, and Marty Parichand of Mill City Park, presented the city’s proposal to construct a safe and ADA compliant 500-foot pedestrian walkway on the historic Trestle Bridge over the Winnepesaukee River to connect the Winni River Trail to the proposed Mill City Park Multi-Use Trail. Also included as part of the project are improvements to the Central Street (Routes 11/3) crosswalk, including a pedestrian activated flashing beacon. Mill City Park is part of a proposed revitalization of downtown Franklin and will include a white-water park. Required match for the TA project includes commitments from Mill City Park and Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation. Overall economic revitalization efforts are supported by Franklin Savings Bank (\$250,000) and receipt of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant (\$400,000).

7. Presentation – Town of Plymouth

Alexandra (Ally) King, Clerical Assistant, presented the town’s proposed sidewalk project. Three segments of sidewalk, originating on Highland Street and totaling 2,750 feet, are proposed, including extending the sidewalk to Tenney Mountain Highway (Route 25), rebuilding sidewalk on Old Ward Bridge Road where the elementary school is located, and building new sidewalk at Avery and Cummings streets near the hospital. The project’s goals are to improve safety and connect commercial areas.

8. 2021-2030 Ten Year Plan

Susan reminded TAC members that proposed highway projects for NH DOT’s next Ten Year Plan are due to be sent to LRPC by October 22, using the fillable Project Submittal Form sent to each municipality. TAC will evaluate proposals at its November meeting and submit them to DOT by December 1 for further evaluation.

9. Road Safety Audit –

Susan also reminded TAC members that the deadline for submitting an application for a Road Safety Audit to DOT is December 1.

10. Other Business

Robert Pollock, TAC representative from New Hampton, discussed a potential safety problem and driver confusion involving the entrance onto I-93 southbound from Route 104 westbound. Signage instructing drivers to turn right is obscured and drivers mistakenly think the I-93 SB entrance is on the left so they pull into the designated left turn lane for Shilling Camp Road until they realize their mistake and cross Route 104 to the right turn lane.

Susan said she corresponded with Mike Dugas, the Highway Safety Engineer, who felt the matter should be resolved with the Traffic Bureau. He provided Susan with a copy of the Road Safety Audit report that focused on the I-93 northbound exit ramp onto Route 104. That report resulted in improvements to the exit ramp and clearing sight lines, but it also suggested clarifying signage for the southbound on ramp.

Bob Pollock said DOT had about five alternatives for resolving the issue, including removal of the designated left turn lane, but he said the town does not want the left turn lane removed. Jeff Hayes suggested that the town request a list from DOT of the five possible solutions before TAC takes a position on a solution it would support.

Dave Jeffers distributed a survey that Mid-State RCC is conducting to gather information on the types of ride services people are seeking. The survey can be accessed online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MidstateRCC>.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2018

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Tuttle, Assistant