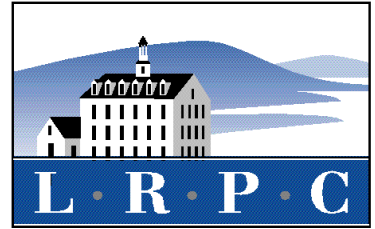


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### Lakes Region Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Humiston Building First Floor Conference Room, 103 Main Street, Meredith, NH

2:00 - 4:00 PM

#### AGENDA

**2:00 Call to Order and Introductions**

Approve Draft Minutes of January 8, 2014 (requires a motion)  
Public Comment

**2:10 Regional Updates**

Lakes Region Scenic Byway – Traveler Amenities Inventory

**2:20 Regional Transportation Plan**

Updated draft – key points

**2:40 Presentation: NHDOT Highway Tier System**

Glenn Davison, GIS Project Mgr, NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance

**3:25 Presentation: Primary Freight Network**

Leigh Levine, FHWA Planning and Development Manager, NH Division Office

**3:50 Other Business**

**4:00 Adjourn**

## Pedestrian Crossing Flag Program – Kirkland, Washington



### **Q: How did PedFlag get started?**

**A:** PedFlag started in 1995 with four locations in the Central Business District as an attempt to improve pedestrian safety in Kirkland. It came in the wake of two pedestrian accidents in the fall of 1994. Both of these accidents were fatal accidents involving adults. A Kirkland resident saw a similar system in Japan and suggested it be used here.

### **Q: How many PedFlag locations does Kirkland have?**

**A:** Kirkland has approximately 73 PedFlag [locations](#). 15 are located in the Central Business District and the remainder are located on arterials that run through the neighborhoods. They are at a variety of different kinds of crosswalks. PedFlag crossings can be found on streets with speeds ranging from 25 to 35 mph and on streets with two to five lanes of traffic.

### **Q: Is PedFlag effective?**

**A:** Most of the evidence gathered supports the idea that PedFlag is helpful in encouraging pedestrian safety. A report, available through the Transportation Research Board, describes the performance of various pedestrian safety treatments including pedestrian flags. Click [NCHRP 562](#) for the report and go to page 19, Motorist Warning Signs and Pavement Markings.



PedFlags have become very popular in Kirkland and the consensus among the volunteers and frequent users of the flags is that it does attract the attention of the driver sooner vs. an unaided pedestrian. This has led many of them to be installed on crossings along school walk routes and popular pedestrian walking routes. They do not automatically fix all the problems a potential location might have however.