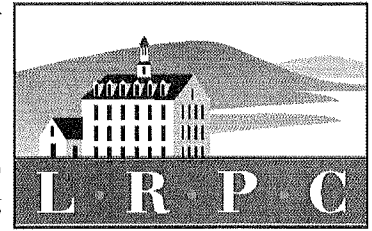



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To: Lakes Region Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

From: Michael Izard, Principal Planner 

Date: March 5, 2014

TAC Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

Freight House, 1 Moultonville Road, Center Ossipee, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheldon Morgan, Gilford
Brad Harriman, Ossipee
Jeff Haines, Center Harbor
David Kerr, Barnstead
Malcolm "Link" Taylor, Holderness
Bruce Woodruff, Moultonborough
John Gotjen, Tamworth
Katherine Dawson, Tilton
Lloyd Wood, Tuftonboro
Michael Capone, Bristol
John Edgar, Meredith
David Ford, Wolfeboro

OTHERS PRESENT

Warren Hutchins, LRPC, Laconia
Bill Rollins, NHDOT District 3
Bill Oldenburg, NHDOT
Michelle Marshall, NHDOT
Steve Favorite, Bristol
Terri Paige, CAP-BMCI, Mid-State RCC
Michael Izard, LRPC Principal Planner
Daniel Callister, LRPC Assistant Planner

Call to Order

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. After introductions, a motion was entertained to approve the draft minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting.

M/S/Passed – Kerr/Taylor

Abstaining: Morgan, Harriman, Haines, Favorite, Woodruff, Gotjen

Public comment was heard from T. Paige, Regional Coordinator for Mid-State RCC who had presented at the LRPC Transportation Workshop in November regarding public transportation and has been invited by some communities since then to present to select boards. Paige wants TAC members to know that she is happy to present to their communities too if there is an interest.

Regional Updates

Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway: M. Izard updated the TAC on the progress of the Corridor Management Plan for the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway. D. Callister described the preliminary steps of the byway safety review which have involved use of historic crash data from NHDOT. The dataset includes helpful attributes including accident severity which considered together with geographic frequency to highlight a number of potential "hot spots" throughout the byway that may warrant further investigation. This list will be reviewed and refined.

D. Callister presented a methodology for conducting a transportation assessment of the Scenic Byway from the traveler's perspective. The purpose of the assessment is to document way finding pertaining to points of interest, tourist amenities, and multi-modal opportunities along the byway. The results of the assessment will be useful in informing recommendations in the Corridor Management Plan.

Regional Transportation Plan

M. Izard provided an update on the progress of the Transportation Chapter of the Lakes Region Plan. The TAC is identified as the group responsible for reviewing the plan. A focus stated by the TAC is on the identified transportation needs and the lack of funding for them. M. Izard stated the goal of this discussion is on chapter content and potential recommendations.

TAC comments and suggestions included adding the Moultonborough Airport to the aeronautics element, highlighting communities that are reducing salt application, recommendation to collect wildlife crossing data to help identify wildlife corridors, mentioning the rail study's inclusion of parts north of Concord for freight, mention of a local action fee option available to communities to fund transportation projects or programs, providing NHDOT priorities (as mapped in the draft chapter) by community, and addressing the influence of the Lakes Region on other regions and vice-versa.

Highway Safety Improvement Program and Road Safety Audit Process - presented by Bill Oldenburg, NHDOT Bureau of Highway Design Administrator and Michelle Marshall, NHDOT Highway Safety Engineer. The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is administered by NHDOT and dedicated to improving highway safety. It is a reactionary program, which means that there must be a proven safety problem to qualify for funding. Projects are prioritized based on a cost/benefit ratio, for which NHDOT has developed a formula. Many HSIP projects have no direct monetary cost or match requirement to the community. An example of this is the Meredith Center Road project currently underway in Meredith. When a project remains within the right-of-way it can move very quickly as well.

A Road Safety Audits (RSA) is a collaborative approach to review safety issues. If a safety issue is brought forward, a community can apply to NHDOT for an RSA through their regional planning commission. RSAs make recommendations for possible safety improvements and offer funding options including HSIP, State-Aid Highway (SAH), State-Aid Bridge (SAB), and Ten Year Plan (TYP).

Other Business

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 5 at 2:00PM. The default location will be Meredith unless a community would like to host. W. Hutchins reminded the TAC members that LRPC has a new Executive Director, Jeff Hayes, and encouraged those who haven't already to introduce themselves at the next opportunity. W. Hutchins also advised the TAC that there is another bill in house to eliminate Regional Planning Commissions and that the Lakes Region Planning Commission by vote earlier today is going to oppose the bill (Title 1573).

Motion entertained to adjourn at 4:20 PM.

M/S/Passed – Haines/Wood