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TAC Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 1st Floor Conference Room, 103 Main St., Meredith, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheldon Morgan (Chair), Gilford
Brad Harriman (Vice-Chair), Ossipee
Rick Ball, Belmont
Ken McWilliams, Alton
John Edgar, Meredith
Lloyd Wood, Tuftonboro
Katherine Dawson, Tilton
John Gotjen, Tamworth
Tink Taylor, Holderness

Steve Favorite, Bristol
Dave Ford, Wolfeboro
Shanna Saunders, Laconia
Bob Pollock, New Hampton
Bruce Woodruff, Moultonborough
Jeff Haines, Center Harbor
David Toth, Ashland
George Tuthill, Alexandria

OTHERS PRESENT

Warren Hutchins, LRPC / Laconia
Peter Nourse, Gilford
Michael Capone, Bristol
Michael Izard, LRPC Principal Planner
Daniel Callister, LRPC Regional Planner

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Chairman Morgan. Motion to approve Minutes of February 4 meeting was passed. M/S/Passed Ball/Favorite, Abstaining: Tuthill, Haines

W. Hutchins thanked Dave Ford and Mike Izard for their assistance at the commission meeting. Commissioners really respect the opinions and process of the TAC.

Chairman Morgan announced the group would break for a half-hour lunch.

Ten Year Plan Update Procedures (1:00)

Chairman Morgan polled the group to identify members that are participating in the Ten Year Plan update for the first time. Members present in this category included: D. Toth, K. Dawson, and G. Tuthill. Chairman Morgan explained the target is not to exceed \$4 million in project proposals. A total of 17 project proposals were received, of these two are excluded from review because they do not meet threshold criteria. The goal for this meeting is to review projects and if possible vote on regional priorities. General rules for scoring include: 1) if you have to leave before the vote, you will be brought up to speed at the beginning of the next meeting; 2) one TAC member vote per community; and 3) don't vote for project in your community.

M. Izard explained that TAC needs to verify that existing Ten Year Plan (TYP) projects are the regional priorities. These projects are Route 3/25 in Meredith, three Red List bridges along Route 16 in Ossipee, intersection of Routes 16/25/41 in Ossipee, intersection of Routes 16 and 28 in Ossipee, Route 28 at Peacham Road in Barnstead, and Route 28 in Wolfeboro.

Motion to re-affirm existing TYP projects as the regional priorities was passed. M/S/Passed Ford/Wood

Staff Proposals Review Summary

Two projects (NH 171 in Tuftonboro and NH 113 in Holderness) are not federal aid eligible and should not be scored. D. Callister reviewed the applications for completeness and cross referenced each with lifeline corridors (identified in the regional transportation plan as priorities). TAC scoring should be based on the materials that were submitted, however if a project ranked as a priority is missing information, we should make every effort to complete that application before submission to DOT. What wouldn't change is cost or anything that would alter the original proposal.

Overview of Scoring Criteria

The scoring criteria were established by the Transportation Planning Collaborative (TPC) - comprised of transportation planners from each of the Regional Planning Commissions (RPC) and DOT staff. The RPCs and DOT will all be using the same project scoring criteria for evaluating proposals. The TPC was also responsible for determining the criteria weights - M. Izard participated for the LRPC. After a TPC first pass, Safety represented 30 percent of the potential project score. This was reduced to 25 percent based on TPC consensus that no single criteria should be worth more than 25 percent.

Bridge Asset Condition is worth 10 percent, it is suggested that each project receive a 10 for that criteria as no bridge projects were received. TAC is not responsible for scoring Safety Performance. This is based on historic accident data that is reported statewide. NHDOT provided Safety Analyst software yesterday. LRPC staff will evaluate the crash data using the software and add these scores. The goal is to report back to the group by next Tuesday at the latest. Performance Measure will be determined based on attributes from the dataset including crash rate and crash severity for the most recent 5-year period available. A limitation is that you cannot readily compare sections of road with intersections, resulting in two sets of comparisons. A suggestion to resolve this difference is to give 10 points to the top project, 9 to the next and so on for each location type.

Project Evaluation

Brief project reviews were provided by local representatives present, as TAC members completed their score sheets.

Alton/Gilford: NH 11 from Ellacoya State Park to Minge Cove: Improvements to widen the road as needed, improve shoulders and pavement condition.

Belmont: NH 140 at Main St: All-way stop. Congestion at intersection is bad. Conflicts with pedestrians, school buses, logging trucks. Adjacent to recent Main Street improvements.

Bristol: NH 104 School Street to Danforth Brook Rd: Road improvements, sidewalks and curbing. Sharp turn with accidents, lots of truck traffic. Connects to TE project.

Meredith: NH 25 from Pleasant Street to Center Harbor Town Line: Safety project, resurfacing and some shoulders. Seven intersections with safety concerns.

Moultonborough: NH 25 Central Village: Phase I of the sidewalk plan through village.

Moultonborough: NH 25 Blake Road to Old Route 109: Gateway and streetscape improvements.

Moultonborough: NH 25 Central Village Speed Limit: Traffic calming. Does not affect sidewalk proposal.

Moultonborough: NH 25 at Holland Street: Safety improvements. Add length to left turn lane and add pedestrian crossing phase at signal.

Moultonborough: NH 25 at Redding Lane: Intersection alignment concerns.

Moultonborough: NH 25 at Sheridan Road: Intersection safety concerns. Town's number one priority project, includes bridge work over Red Hill River.

Moultonborough: NH 25 Lakes Shore Drive: Two intersections need work and length of road to have three-lane cross section with left-handed turns, may be as simple as restriping, but DOT will need to core and see if the shoulders are compounded.

Moultonborough: NH 25 at Saw Mill Road: Intersection safety improvements. Two extreme-angle intersections.

New Hampton: I-93 Exit 23 NB Off Ramp: Difficult angle as off-ramp traffic meets NH 104 eastbound. Project would re-align intersection to 90 degrees.

Tuftsboro: NH 109 at ¼ mile north of Wolfeboro town line: Standing water creates safety issue.

Tuftsboro: NH 109 at NH 109A: Intersection angle is a problem. Fire trucks have difficulty making the turn. Solution is uncertain at this point.

Scoring was completed and score sheets were submitted to LRPC staff for compilation. Next steps: 1) LRPC staff will prepare Safety Performance scores; 2) final project results will be sent to TAC for review; 3) present TAC recommended regional priorities to Commission for endorsement; and submit scores and regional Transportation Improvement Plan to NHDOT.

Motion to adjourn at 3:31

M/S/Passed Taylor/Tuthill