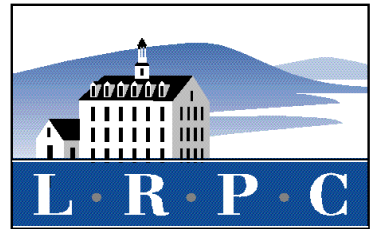


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Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes of Wednesday, October 7, 2015

2:00 Whittier Covered Bridge, West Ossipee

2:30 Freight House, Center Ossipee, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheldon Morgan (Chair), Gilford
Brad Harriman (Vice-Chair), Ossipee
Lloyd P. Wood, Tuftonboro
Eli Badger, Ashland
Robert Pollock, New Hampton
Paul S. Hazelton, Hebron
David Kerr, Barnstead
Steve Favorite, Bristol

Jeff Haines, Center Harbor
Scott Bartlett, Moultonborough
Tink Taylor, Holderness
John Edgar, Meredith

OTHERS PRESENT

Jean Marshall, LRPC - Freedom
Thomas Hoopes, Alton
Carrie Chandler, Genesis Behavioral Health
Larisa Djurelek-Ruggiero, MS-RCC, CAPBMCI
Daniel Callister, LRPC Regional Planner
Michael Izard, LRPC Principal Planner
Peter Norse, Gilford
William Rose, NHDOT

2:00PM Whittier Covered Bridge Site Visit

Bridge renovations are about 85 percent completed, it is anticipated construction will be completed in mid-December. The next phase will include redesigning the abutments and road approaches. The goal is to have the bridge in place over the river next summer and open to traffic by the end of 2016.

2:30PM Freight House, Center Ossipee - Call to Order and Introductions

Called to order at 2:45 by Chairman Morgan. Motion to approve Minutes of September 9, 2015 meeting passed.

M/S/Passed Favorite/Badger, abstaining: Harriman

Introduction of new members including Larisa Djurelek-Ruggiero, Mid-State RCC and CAPBMCI; Carrie Chandler, Genesis Behavioral Health operating in Belknap County and southern Grafton County; Tom Hoopes, Scenic Byway Advisory Committee - Alton; Scott Bartlett, TAC Alternate – Moultonborough; Paul Hazelton, TAC Representative – Hebron; and Jean Marshall, LRPC Executive Board TAC representative.

Chairman Morgan explained to the TAC that in retirement he may be assisting LRPC with data collection and if there are any concerns about potential conflict of interest speak to him, Mike Izard or Jeff Hayes.

Regional Updates

Water Quality Assessment – CSI Application

LRPC applied for a Collaborative Service Initiative (CSI) grant with Antioch College to have a group of students and professors assist with the assessment of transportation network impacts on water quality. The goal is to identify some of the leading areas of concern and primary contributors to water pollution. Application was due September 18, we hope to hear from them in the next few weeks.

GACIT Hearings

A Lakes Region Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) public hearing will be held Monday, October 26 at the Belknap Mill in Laconia. It will be an agenda item of an LRPC Commission meeting. This represents an opportunity to talk about Ten Year Plan projects, all TAC members are encouraged to be in attendance. D. Kerr attended and spoke at the GACIT hearing in Concord where he gave the opinion that money left over from the Peacham Road project should be applied to the North Barnstead intersection project. He noted limited participation at the hearing. L. Djurelek-Ruggiero added that nobody from the public showed up to the Manchester hearing. M. Iazard noted that there is the opportunity to provide written comments as well. As with past GACIT hearings in the region, LRPC anticipates good attendance in Laconia.

Data Collection Program

LRPC has completed NHDOT traffic volume data collection for the season; and conducted 54 additional traffic counts from seven LRPC communities. Currently working in New Hampton and will be collecting data in Center Harbor soon. A Road Surface Management System (RSMS) pilot project is underway in a Lakes Region community. The purpose of the RSMS pilot is to have all planning commissions collecting data in a standardized way and using the same software when providing assistance in the future. LRPC recently wrapped up town-wide culvert inventory and assessment in Barnstead. Looking for other communities to work with next year, Gilford has expressed interest.

SRTS – Grants

All infrastructure funds through Safe Routes to School (SRTS) have been allocated. DOT must use 10-30 percent of funds for non-infrastructure projects. There is approximately \$117,000 for non-infrastructure at 100 percent reimbursement for a start-up grant, a travel plan (max \$15,000), or general non-infrastructure (max \$10,000). If your community doesn't have a travel plan and there is an interest, LRPC has helped develop these in the past. Grant applications are taken on a rolling basis and are available online.

Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

Funding for development of a Lakes Region Tour Corridor Management Plan (CMP) ended September 30. J. Edgar chairs the Scenic Byway Advisory Committee (SBAC), which is a sub-committee of the TAC. At their meeting on September 24, the SBAC endorsed the plan with revisions to be made by LRPC. Since then feedback has been received and incorporated. If prepared, the TAC is being asked to endorse the plan today. The CMP includes an implementation schedule with 13 community specific recommendations and the half-dozen SBAC recommendations which identifying the who, how, and when to advance the recommendations. There is a minimum requirement for the SBAC to meet at least once per year. Committee members expressed concern this may be too infrequently to accomplish their primary goal - outreach to other organizations and businesses to build a stakeholder base; followed by a LRPC hosted stakeholder meeting. LRPC staff has attended a Sandwich Business Group meeting and is on the agenda for an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting. M. Iazard has expressed interest in having the Lakes Tour on New Hampshire Chronicle, which features byways in NH on a periodic basis. The Lakes Region Tour is one of the longer byways and it includes many communities, it would be great to try to fully represent the variety and diversity that exists rather than making it one-sided, also important to highlight all four seasons on the byway.

Motion to endorse Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan as put forth by the SBAC and revised by LRPC.
M/S/Passed (unanimous) Harriman/Wood

Other Business

State is reorganizing the Rail Authority the Lakes Region likely will not have a seat but representation will continue on an Advisory Board.

Genesis Behavioral Health provides local transportation to their clients and will be expanding to two buses. C. Chandler is not sure if TAC is a little higher-level than where they're at and RCC meeting may be more where her presence should be.

L. Djurelek-Ruggiero wants TAC to know that the volunteer driver programs that are out there. A lot of seniors and people with disabilities are looking for rides. Used to be 54 active volunteer drivers, now that number has gone down to 33. There are 550 customers. If you know anyone who could volunteer, let them know. Drivers can opt in for mileage reimbursement at \$0.41/mi. Focus of Mid-State RCC is determining what are the transportation needs, primarily of seniors and people with disabilities, which are not being met. Mid-State RCC is currently exploring taxi vouchers. Terri Paige, who previously held L. Djurelek-Ruggiero's position, used to regularly attend TAC meetings and provided TAC with updates.

The next TAC meeting will be November 4, 2015. The venue by default is LRPC in Meredith, however Tuftonboro has offered to host the November meeting (venue TBD).

Motion to adjourn at 4:05

M/S/Passed Taylor/Edgar