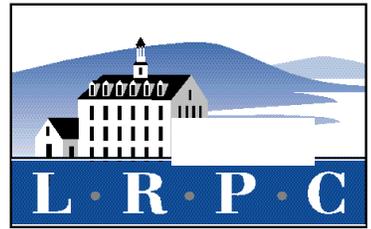


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## TAC Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday March 8, 2017**

Humiston Building 103 Main St, Meredith, NH 03253

### **Voting Members Present**

Brad Harriman (Vice-Chair), Ossipee  
Lloyd Wood, Tuftonboro  
Rick Ball, Belmont  
George Tuthill, Alexandria  
Robert Pollock, New Hampton  
David Kerr, Barnstead  
David Toth, Ashland  
Nic Strong, Alton  
John Gotjen, Tamworth  
Steven Favorite, Bristol  
Malcolm "Tink" Taylor, Holderness  
Paul Hazelton, Hebron  
Peter Nourse, Gilford  
Tim Paquette, Ashland  
Dave Ford, Wolfeboro

### **Others Present**

Michael Izard, LRPC Principal Planner  
Jeff Hayes, LRPC Executive Director  
Laurel Briere, LRPC Executive Assistant  
Chris Theriault, Moultonborough  
Carol Macuch, NHDOT  
William Rose, NHDOT  
Larisa Djuvelek-Ruggiero, Mid State RCC  
Amy Villamagna, PSU

### **Call to Order – Introductions – Past Minutes**

Vice-Chair Harriman called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. After introductions, a motion was entertained to approve the draft minutes of the 2/1/17 meeting.

*M/S/Passed – Taylor/Favorite. (Abstaining: Tuthill, Toth)*

No public comment was provided.

### **Regional Updates**

#### **Pavement Edge Markings – NHDOT Response Letter**

M. Izard shared a letter from Bill Lambert in response to the LRPC inquiry about repainting fog lines on all state routes. He opened the floor for comments, asking if anyone felt there was a need for further action or if they should wait and see what the new season would bring in terms of being able to revisit roads that had been paved last year where the lines had not been repainted. R. Ball commented that it was wise that pavement markings were going to be put into contracts. M. Izard said that the letter wasn't a guarantee that the work would be done but it did outline what the past hindrances were and acknowledged the fact that this was a safety request. The HSIP committee will meet again at end of March, allowing for another opportunity to bring it up with that group because it's such an essential safety feature of the roads.

He spoke about a study done by the FHA that found a safety benefit to having lines painted, even on low volume roads. J. Gotjen asked if there were any studies showing fog lines result in

reduced deterioration to pavement edges. M. IZARD commented that that it wasn't mentioned but it could be an incentive since infrastructure preservation is a focus.

The next steps that were identified were:

1. M. IZARD would reintroduce the letters to the HSIP committee later in March
2. They would wait and see as line striping goes on this coming season to see where they stand and follow up with the DOT as needed.
3. B. HARRIMAN suggested possibility of bringing shoulder maintenance to the DOT's attention

### **Rumble Strips – NHDOT Policy Changes Synopsis**

M. IZARD spoke about the draft letter regarding rumble strips. He reached out to Ronald Grandmaison at the DOT, the Chair of the Rumble Strip Committee. He hadn't heard back from him but they had exchange emails previously and he had hoped to either have him at the meeting or to have him provide a synopsis of policy changes. He was unable to get it for this meeting but would follow up again regarding a synopsis and possible attendance in June.

He spoke about having Russel Lloyd from North Conway do a presentation on reshaping unpaved roads. The demonstration is dependent on weather, since the frost must be gone for it to be conducive to work. He's hopeful it will be possible by May. The town of Ossipee has offered a road(s) to demonstrate on.

### **Ten Year Plan – Project Cost Information**

M. IZARD followed up on a TYP project cost question that was discussed at the last meeting about the Wolfeboro project. D. FORD said that he figured out what happened – some cost estimates were shown for construction only while other reports list construction, right-of-way, and engineering. M. IZARD mentioned that the concern is to make sure good estimates are being provided for the projects.

### **Ten-Year Plan - Update Process**

*William Rose, NHDOT Project Planning Manager*

William Rose presented on the upcoming TYP cycle (2019-2028), reviewing accompanying handouts. DOT had asked RPCs to confirm their support of projects currently in TYP and let them know if there were any that should be pulled. Any new projects will be identified for the last 2 years of the TYP. \$20m per year was identified as available, but that's been bumped up by \$5m for the 2-year period. That brings the total to \$45m. The Lakes Region's budget is just short of \$4.5m, an increase of about ½ million. The allocated amount for projects is a "target," but there is some flexibility. That amount is based 50/50 on population and National Highway System Lane Miles. He said that the formula they used to come to those numbers was made available to RPCs and Mike could provide it if anyone wants.

He said that there was some changeover in the front office and identified some changes in the TYP process:

- DOT has publicly said they will not only put out the TYP but they intend to deliver
  - They are actively speaking about and changing accountability and how projects are managed
- They want to better align processes across state so TYP isn't considered separate.

- Nashua has been designated a transportation management area and has direct authority over some of the funds allocated to that area. This new process may address new requirements that come with that designation.

He briefly spoke about the ability towns have (if they get vehicle registrations) to charge a fee of up to \$5 (recent legislation would increase that to \$10) with a \$1 administrative fee and put it towards local transportation.

NHDOT is looking to wrap up solicitation for new TYP projects by May 1. They want to have the information to the front office and Commissioner by end of May and want to coordinate individual RPC meetings over the course of that month.

There was a Q&A session following the presentation.

### **Presentation: Winnepesaukee Water Quality Vulnerability Analysis**

*(Given by Amy Villamagna, PSU)*

A. Villamagna shared that the PSU graduate student who had initially come to TAC about this project. She briefly reviewed the initial purpose of the study – to do a transportation-water quality threat assessment to determine impacts to roadways and find areas that are the most vulnerable. Their current step is validating and determining weights for their data. Due to a lack of Lake Winnepesaukee data they wanted to speak with people from the area to attempt to validate additional information gathered. She presented their findings. She shared maps of the study area, overlays showing the impacts of three categories of contributors, and final maps showing a composite of all contributors. She also shared data tables showing the different variables.

She passed out a questionnaire, asking attendees to rate each category to help in weighting the value of the variables used. She also requested feedback on the weighting of other factors and asked for any other input they could add. Discussion of the topic ensued.

The plan moving forward is to re-run the analysis with weighted overlays based on the feedback given. They also want to do a finer resolution analysis on each town and smaller-scale analyses of focal areas. She left her business card and a copy of her presentation with M. Izard.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. It was decided it would be best to meet in Meredith because of the focus on the TYP evaluation. M. Izard will check room availability and confirm location with TAC.

Motion entertained to adjourn at 3:56 PM.

*M/S/Passed – Kerr/Favorite*