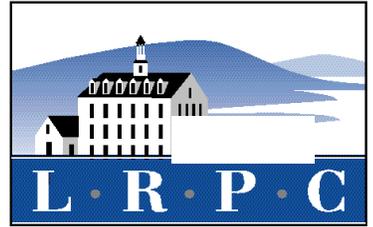


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TAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 5, 2017

Humiston Building 103 Main St, Meredith, NH 03253

Voting Members Present

Sheldon Morgan (Chair), Gilford
Brad Harriman (Vice-Chair), Ossipee
Lloyd Wood, Tuftonboro
Rick Ball, Belmont
George Tuthill, Alexandria
Robert Pollock, New Hampton
David Kerr, Barnstead
Glenn Smith, Northfield
Nic Strong, Alton
John Gotjen, Tamworth
Steven Favorite, Bristol
John Edgar, Meredith
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
Mark Howard, Tuftonboro
Gerald Coogan, Moultonborough Town Planner
Jan Collins, Newfound Pathways
William Dowey, Bristol

Call to Order – Introductions – Past Minutes

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. A motion was entertained to approve the draft minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting.

M/S/Passed – Gotjen/Favorite. (Abstaining: Morgan)

No public comment was provided.

Regional Updates

Upcoming Meeting Topics

M. Izard introduced L. Briere, LRPC Executive Assistant and discussed newly updated website. He put out the idea to add more photos of the TAC members since most of the group is people oriented and there are currently few photos of people on the site. He invited members to forward photos to either him or L. Briere for inclusion on site.

He discussed a handout concerning NHRSA 465:62 which was passed in August 2015 that stated a community could seasonally reduce speed limits. Some towns have used it but B. Lambert, NHDOT Bureau of Traffic does not recommend the seasonal variation.

He has been working on the agendas for upcoming TAC meetings. Topics that were discussed:

- In May, Russ Lanoie will be doing a demonstration in Ossipee on how to shape unpaved roads.
- In June, the results of the PSU Bikability study should be available.

- He discussed possibility of a presentation from a program for the visually impaired and blind about ADA requirements after discussion from last meeting. J. Edgar suggested a documentary made by a blind professor funded by the NHPA.
- He pointed out that TAC typically takes July and August off, asked if there was any objection to doing so again.
 - There were no objections

He briefly discussed the recent HSIP meeting and improvements to Exit 23 of I-93 that are now underway.

Project Evaluation Overview

M. Izard began the evaluation by showing an overview of the TYP projects that were in the process of implementation. Some discussion ensued about these projects.

D. Ford asked about the Alton/Gilford projects. M. Izard said that the project that was submitted in 2015 exceeded the budget and the DOT advised them to phase it.

Motion to reaffirm Ten Year Plan projects are still top priorities for the region.

M/S/Passed – Ford/Edgar. Motion passed unanimously.

Scoring Criteria

M. Izard reviewed the scoring criteria and the recommended scores he calculated for Safety Performance. Some discussion ensued. Motion to accept LRPC recommended scores for Safety Performance.

M/S/Passed – Second/Ball. Motion passed unanimously.

M. Izard reviewed the handout with the scoring sheet, criteria definitions, and safety numbers. He pointed out one criterion change, which was omitted.

Ten Year Plan Project Evaluations

Evaluate 2017 Project Proposals

M. Izard opened discussions about project proposals. He stated that TAC had previously agreed to criteria weights. G. Tuthill pointed out that Bristol West Shore Road was not on the list. M. Izard stated it was ineligible for Federal Aid, a funding requirement. D. Ford asked about traffic volumes, suggesting that it may be helpful to know the differences between them when scoring. M. Izard had not compiled them but gave estimates for the average annual daily traffic (AADT) for each area. Community representatives were asked review their project proposals.

Alton Route 28 – N. Strong summarized the project’s history and answered questions. It’s the focus of a corridor study. The original scope was to rehabilitate a seven mile stretch of roadway with several intersections of concern. N. Strong pointed out that the selectmen want to continue getting funding for those improvements the primary focus is Prospect and Dudley Road. Alton Traffic Circle to the high school was identified as another key area of concern. It was confirmed that the scoring would be on the top priority. A brief Q&A period followed. Some items of note:

- The total project cost wasn’t listed; costs are provided by segment; the top priority is \$900,000
- Prospect and Dudley are not connected to any improved sections. Other improvements are isolated segments

- It's a safety issue more than a congestion issue
- Shoulder widening would benefit bike and pedestrian traffic.

Alton Route 11 – N. Strong summarized the project and answered questions. A planning study will be happening in 2019. It's the same application as last time except that Alton and Gilford are applying for separately by mileage in each town. The selectmen are in support of the project. There were 99 accidents reported between January 2010 and March 2016. M. Izard noted that in both applications from Gilford and Alton DOT cost information was used to develop the estimates; the final cost is dependent on a study to determine alternatives. A brief Q&A period followed. Some items of note:

- The cost is \$3.2 million
- The shoulders are to be widened
- The road gets more bike/pedestrian traffic than Route 28

Gilford Route 11 – P. Nourse summarized the project and answered questions. The road is a major thoroughfare and experiences a lot of traffic every year. There was some discussion about the definition of the "service life" of a road and a brief Q&A period. Some notable items:

- The budget breakout for the Gilford section is \$2.2m
- Widening would be beneficial
- The study results will be beneficial in providing more information

Bristol NH 3A (Lake Street)– S. Favorite summarized the project and answered questions. The project was on the books about ten years ago but was taken off because of a proposed sewer expansion. The expansion never happened but the road still needs to be redone. The stretch is between two bridges, a park is on one end and a bike path on the other and they want to link the two and improve the road between them. One of the drainage ditches is very deep and poses a safety issue as well. A brief Q&A period followed. Some items of note:

- It's a safety issue more than a congestion issue
- The community support is strong for the project
- Even though it's primarily for bike and pedestrian safety it would make the road safer for cars, as well.

Meredith NH 25 – J. Edgar summarized the project. The project was originally larger but the scope was reduced to just the intersection of Routes 3 and 25. A study was done in 2009 and in 2013 and 2015 the project was submitted to look at upgrades identified in the resulting report. Working on prioritizing. Primary goal for now is to improve flow. There are few pedestrians on that road; though it is identified on the state map as a bike route, their focus is on vehicle safety. There have been two fatalities since 2009. L. Wood added that he felt this was a very important project. There were no questions.

Moultonborough – Gerry Coogan, Moultonborough Town Planner, summarized the projects and answered questions. He began by saying that three projects were to be combined into one: Moultonborough Central Village Blake Rd to Route 109, Moultonborough Central Village Speed Limit Sign and Moultonborough NH 25 at NH 109N. Moultonborough wants to make a village center where people can walk. They have cost estimates and have been doing studies over the last 4 years. The previous Town Planner had put projects and reports together. They want to have traffic calming and make it friendlier to pedestrians. They met with Bill Lambert, NHDOT Traffic Bureau and Bill Rollins, NHDOT District 3 – interest was expressed for working with the town to reduce travel lanes. A demonstration project is being considered in June or October to see

how traffic calming would work. There was some discussion clarifying the exact areas of the projects and a brief Q&A. Some items of note:

- The cost of the three combined projects would be \$750,000
- Support is high. The public is positive and embraces the concept and intersection issues are high among selectmen.
- They've already spent some money on projects through the town engineer developed plans and a crosswalk was added because of Dollar General

Tuftonboro – L. Wood summarized the projects and answered questions. There were originally three projects but it's been reduced to two. First - Route 109 by Mirror Lake and the Libby Museum constantly has water coming up through the pavement. No fatal accidents in the last ten years but it's a traffic problem. Second – Dangerous intersection of 109 and 109A. It's a hairpin turn and if there's a house fire in the area the fire trucks must go down to another intersection and turn around. A brief Q&A period followed. Some items of note:

- Town is working on the cost estimate; likely \$1million for the intersection, but the Route 109 would be less to address the area that floods.
- D. Ford suggested talking to selectmen about the intersection and that it might be a state project instead of TYP. L. Wood agreed that there may be better options available for funding but stated that they were looking at all options and making people notice the problem.

M. Izard closed the scoring by saying that he and L. Briere would score them, do quality assurance, and send them out within the next week or so.

Other Business

Next meeting in May in Ossipee. The date/location will be announced.

B. Dowey discussed West Shore Road in Bristol. He stated it's an important safety issue, asked for suggestions on how to move forward and about unobligated funds in the state. Some discussion ensued. D. Ford suggested the State Aid Highway program may be the only way to fund a project of this magnitude.

Motion entertained to adjourn at 4:14 PM.

M/S/Passed – Gotjen/Harriman