

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2019

3:30-5:00 PM
UVLSRPC Offices
10 Water Street, Suite 225
Lebanon, NH 03766

Members Present: Dick Jones (Lyme), Van Chesnut (Advance Transit, Chair), Scott Osgood (Claremont), Paige Heverly (Vital Communities)

State Agencies Present: Elizabeth Strachan (NH DES), Stephanie N. Verdile (NH OSI)

Guests and Members of the Public: Gretchen Stokes (Hanover Bike Ped Committee), Rebecca Owens (City of Lebanon Planning), Erica Wyngonik (RSG), Phil Goff (Alta Planning (phone))

Staff Present: Meghan Butts (UVLSRPC)

I. Call to Order

Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

II. Action on Minutes from December 11, 2018

Dick Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2018 as amended. Paige Heverly seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed 3-0-1. Scott Osgood abstained.

III. TAP Update

The Committee discussed the TAP program awards. There were no projects awarded in the UVLS region. The City of Lebanon plans to speak with NHDOT to gain insight into the ranking of their project and tips to build a stronger application for funding in 2 years.

IV. Updates

- a. **NHDOT** – NHDOT was not present at this meeting to give updates.
- b. **UVLSRPC** – Staff gave a brief update on the Ten-Year Plan process. There will be a Scoring Committee and full-TAC meeting scheduled for April to prioritize projects for submission into the plan.
- c. **TAC Member**
Van Chesnut: – There is a 5339 funding application to address the bus stops on the Miracle Mile by Price Chopper and the Listen Center.

- The Governor's budget does not currently include State match for Capital expenses (buses) for transit.
- There was talk in the NH Senate to increase the vehicle registration fee from \$5- \$10 maximum set by local governments. This money is often used to pave local roads or support transit operations funds.

Paige Heverly – Brief update on Commute Smart NH and the collaborative work being done by UVLSRPC and Vital Communities.

Scott Osgood – Claremont has been working with Southwestern Community Services Transit to assist in bus stop and signage planning for the Transit Coordination plan.

Rebecca Owens – Lebanon is looking to hold public meetings starting in May regarding the tunnel project that will assist in completing the connection between the Northern Rail Trail and the Mascoma River Greenway.

V. NH Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Presentation

Erica Wygonik from RSG gave a presentation with Phil Goff from Alta Planning. RSG and Alta Planning have been hired by NH DOT to facilitate and complete the Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan on State roads. Some highlights of the presentation include:

- There is a strong focus on public engagement including online public input opportunities at their website nhpedbikeplan.com and there will be an opportunity to comment on the draft plan as well
- There is a focus on collaboration with NHDOT and the RPCs to help gather data and spread awareness to communities.
- The plan will include an economic analysis.
- The plan will include a prioritized list of suggested projects in each region.
- For more information about the plan and process please visit the website listed above

VI. Adjourn

Dick Jones motioned to adjourn. Paige Heverly seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.