

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

MEETING MINUTES

**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

3:30-4:30 PM

Remote Meeting Held via Zoom

**Members Present:** Dick Jones (Lyme, Vice Chair), Bethany Fleishman (Vital Communities), Vic St. Pierre (Claremont), Peter Kulbacki (Hanover), Patricia Higgins (UVLSRPC Commissioner), Jessica Dennis (Charlestown), Teri Palmer (Sullivan County Transportation), Jim Donison (Lebanon), Van Chesnut (Advance Transit, Chair)

**Partner Organizations:** Chris Turgeon (NHDOT), Alex Belenz (UVLSRPC)

**I. Call to Order**

the meeting was called to order by Van Chesnut at 3:33 PM.

**II. Action on Minutes of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*The minutes of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were unanimously approved.*

**III. Ten Year Plan Project Evaluation Process**

Alex Belenz reviewed the new criteria that will be used by Regional Planning Commissions to evaluate Ten-Year Plan project proposals. The criteria are much more in-depth and include specific metrics by which projects will be reviewed. The goal is to enable more thorough project reviews in a way that is standardized across the state. All Regional Planning Commissions will evaluate projects using the same set of criteria.

Alex Belenz reviewed the proposed weights for the evaluation criteria. Regional Planning Commissions can assign varying weights to the criteria to reflect regional priorities for transportation improvements. Alex presented proposed weights developed by UVLSRPC staff. Feedback was provided by members during the meeting. Members agreed to reduce the weight given to the Safety, Mobility, and Natural Hazard Resiliency criteria and increase the weights given to Accessibility and Economic Development. Alex suggested that a survey be sent out to members where additional feedback can be given.

*It was moved that UVLSRPC staff finalize criteria weights using feedback received at the TAC meeting and the subsequent responses received from the survey. Motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Regional Corridor Transportation Plan Updates**

Alex Belenz described current progress on the plan. Staff are working on a draft chapter for the NH Route 120 North corridor (Lebanon to Hanover), and anticipate a public release in August. Surveys will be promoted for additional corridors later in the summer.

**V. Updates**

As the earlier agenda items had taken significant time, member updates were skipped at this meeting.

**VI. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**VII. Adjourn**

*The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:28 PM.*