

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

MEETING AGENDA

May 12th, 2020

4:00-5:30 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: William Rose (NHDOT), Chris Turgeon (NHDOT), Meghan Butts (UVLSRPC), Alex Belenz (UVLSRPC)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Chesnut was not present at the start of the meeting so the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jones at 4:03 PM.

II. Action on Minutes of March 10th, 2020

The minutes of March 10th, 2020 were unanimously approved by motion of Higgins/Palmer.

III. Ten Year Plan New Process

Meghan Butts provided an overview of UVLSRPC's updated Ten Year Plan project review and prioritization process. Slides from the presentation will be posted here: <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/comitees-related-to-projects/transportation-advisory-committee/>.

Alex Belenz provided a brief update on efforts to update the criteria used to evaluate Ten Year Plan project proposals. This is a collaborative effort by all 9 Regional Planning Commissions and NHDOT. The goal is to clarify and standardize review processes and make it easier for TAC members to participate in project reviews. Alex will share the updated criteria once finalized.

IV. Regional Corridor Transportation Plan Updates

Meghan Butts provided a brief overview of efforts to date. The NH Route 120 North Corridor chapter is fairly far along, and includes an overview of the transportation needs of the corridor and a project list. The chapter is being developed based on public input from online surveys and public meetings, municipal staff input, and data. Staff are also working on the NH Route 12A and NH Route 4A corridors, including Zoom meetings with municipal staff. In-person

public meetings are postponed for the time being due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff are actively soliciting participation in the online survey for NH Route 12A.

V. Updates

a. **NHDOT.** No major updates from NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance. William Rose indicated he is monitoring the Ten-Year Plan as it moves through the legislature. Chris Turgeon added that Districts are working with a skinny construction budget, so are trying to get as many projects shovel-ready as possible.

b. **UVLSRPC.** Meghan Butts noted that Steve Schneider has left UVLSRPC to become the General Manager of Eastman Village. Meghan is acting as Interim Executive Director. Alex Belenz has been taking on more transportation planning projects as a result. UVLSRPC is working on developing safety protocols in order to be able to perform field work this summer.

c. **Members.**

Hanover (Peter Kulbacki) – West St sidewalk project, West Wheelock St lighting improvements, looking at Main St repairs and streetscape improvements.

Lyme (Dick Jones) – hoping work starts on the Lyme-Thetford bridge soon.

Claremont (Vic St. Pierre) – Washington St access management improvements; constructing new truck route to bypass Pleasant St (hoping to issue bond next year); working with UVLSRPC on NH Route 12A and Charlestown Road planning.

Lebanon (Jim Donison) – Route 12A paving and sidewalk connection project underway; Hanover St – working on engineering design including NH 120 roundabout and streetscape alternatives; Miracle Mile – putting bus stops, pedestrian refuge island, and RRFBs this summer.

Vital Communities (Bethany Fleishman) – doing a virtual Bike Week and online Bike Workshop, and working on telecommuting resources.

Charlestown (Jessica Dennis) – having paving bids on some town roads; work has started again on the NH Route 12 project.

Sullivan County Transportation (Teri Palmer) – Claremont route and dial-a-ride services are currently being run from 8 AM – 12 PM only. Continue to plan for the Claremont to Lebanon Route 120 service.

Advance Transit (Van Chesnut) – Still running all fixed route and ADA service. DHMC shuttles are stopped for now. There is CARES Act funding on the way for transit providers, but some concerns that it will be held up by Governor & Council processes. There is a lot of development going on near the hospital and associated concerns about transportation access and demand. AT anticipates being a part of discussions about coordinated transportation improvements. AT is looking at expanded Blue Route service with 15 minute headways, which may be able to be 50%-funded using CMAQ.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:55 PM via motion of Peter Kulbacki and Vic St. Pierre. The next meeting will be held in July or August.