

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

October 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes
UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

Attendees:

Van Chesnut, Chair, Advance Transit
Dick Jones, Lyme
Peter Kulbacki, Hanover
Richard Lee, New London
Ray Burton, NH Executive Council
William Rose, NHDOT
Joey Mattson, Guest
Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

Acceptance of September 14th Meeting Minutes

Following introductions, Dick Jones moved that the minutes of September 14th be accepted as submitted. Peter Kulbacki seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Safe Routes to School Round 5 Overview

Nate Miller provided an overview of the current solicitation for Safe Routes to Round 5 grant applications, noting that he has already received one funding application. The deadline for applications is the close of business on November 30th.

Nate Miller distributed the grant application form, application guidelines, and program scoring criteria to TAC members. As with past rounds, the TAC's responsibility will be to score and prioritize applications from the region. Nate Miller encouraged TAC members to work within their communities to support the Safe Routes to School program.

Traffic Impacts of Recently Proposed Developments

Nate Miller provided an overview of the traffic impacts of three recently proposed developments of regional impact:

Iron Horse Business Park

Research and Development- 282,000 SF
Retail- 202,000 SF
General Office- 120,000 SF
Hotel- 99 Rooms

XYZ Dairy, LLC (aka "River Park")

Laboratory/Office- 546,470 SF
Retail- 47,950 SF
General Office- 120,350 SF
80 Apartments

Altaria, LLC

Research and Development- 327,600 SF
Retail- 42,400 SF
160 Condominium Units
Hotel- 120 Rooms

The TAC discussed the potential traffic impacts of these developments, and expressed concern about the ability (i.e. capacity) of Main Street (U.S. Route 4/NH Route 10) in West Lebanon and Route 10/Wheelock Street in Hanover to accommodate these developments. TAC members also expressed concern about the potential impact of these developments on transit operations in the Upper Valley.

The TAC asked Nate Miller to provide updates about the status of these projects as they make their way through the local planning process.

Updates from TAC Members

Executive Councilor Ray Burton provided a series of updates to the TAC about statewide transportation issues. Councilor Burton noted that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) solicitation has ended. The CMAQ Committee will be meeting on November 10th to begin their review and prioritization of projects.

Councilor Burton continued, noting that the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) will meet on November 17th. This GACIT meeting will formally begin the process to develop the 2013-2022 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Councilor Burton noted that state government was considering a number of means of raising revenues, including selling excess state property. The issue of sustainable surface transportation funding has been studied by a sub-committee of the legislature, and their report (HB2) will be released very soon.

Councilor Burton announced that he has organized a tour of the ongoing reconstruction of the I-89 Exit 20 interchange at 2:00 PM on October 18th.

Van Chesnut reported that Advance Transit's building expansion is almost complete. The final step is the installation of solar panels for electricity generation, which is ongoing. Van Chesnut reported that Advance Transit ridership reached record levels in August and September.

Peter Kulbacki reported that the improvements at the intersection of Lyme and Park Streets in Hanover are now complete, and the Hanover Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee has started work on a Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan for the town.

Dick Jones reported that the rehabilitation of North Thetford Road in Lyme is now complete.

Richard Lee reported that the rehabilitation work on Main Street and Newport Road in New London is now complete. Richard Lee noted that the recently improved intersection of NH Route 114/NH Route 11 in New London has had its first accident since the safety improvement was completed this summer. The accident was caused by an impaired driver.

Other Business

The next TAC meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14th, 5:00 PM, at the UVLSRPC offices in Lebanon, NH. Peter Kulbacki moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Dick Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.