

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2017

5:00-6:00 PM

UVLSRPC Offices

10 Water Street, Suite 225

Lebanon, NH 03766

1. **Call to Order**

Chair, Van Chestnut, called the meeting to order at 5:00PM and introduced Guest Speak Tim White from NH Department of Environmental Services.

2. **Tim White, NH Department of Environmental Services**

Mr. White from NH DES gave a presentation titled "Volkswagen Settlement: Potential Use of Mitigation Funds". (See attachment for a copy of the presentation) A few key notes were discussed regarding project proposals. NH DES is looking for proposed project ideas that municipalities and organizations might be interested in pursuing if Governor Sununu decides to accept the VW Settlement. Letters of interest for potential projects can be mailed to NH DES, UVLSRPC (to be forwarded to NH DES), or a simple form on NH DES website can be filled out by February 10, 2017. TAC members were interested in submitting comments and ideas. These comments will be used as reference for a mitigation plan in the event that the NH Trustee decides to settle the suit with Volkswagen.

3. **UVLSRPC Ten-Year Plan Update**

This year is the start of a new two-year Ten-Year-Plan cycle. NH DOT will send out finalized scoring criteria and cost goals by mid-March. There are only minor additions to the scoring criteria and should be assumed to be similar from last cycle. UVLSRPC has sent out project solicitation letters to all municipalities' road agents, planning boards, and selectboards requesting project proposals to be submitted by March 1, 2017 for review. NHDOT requests final proposals and

scoring to be completed by the end of April 2017. The TAC, Ten-Year Plan scoring subcommittee is looking for volunteer TAC members to join the subcommittee.

4. Review of Draft UVLSRPC UPWP for FY 2018-2019

UVLSRPC has submitted a proposal for the FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program to NH DOT. There were minor additions from UVLSRPC added to the proposal and it is expected NH DOT will respond in the coming weeks.

5. Other Business

a. TAC Member Updates

-Lebanon- There will be a Route 120 Corridor Charrette on Friday February 3, 2017 at Lebanon City Hall Council Chamber. All are welcome to attend.

-Enfield – NH DOT Shaker Bridge project is finishing up and Enfield hopes to continue with the Shaker Bridge Park project on Mascoma Lake.

-Hanover - Still waiting on responses from NH DOT regarding Bike Plan to add bike lane or drop travel lane on Route 120 by Greensboro Rd.

-New London – Elkins sidewalk project is complete and is great.

-Region – Patricia Higgins, NH Rep from Hanover, has a Bill in to allow for municipalities to raise the cap of a car registration fee to \$10 toward transportation. The current cap is \$5 and this Bill would allow municipalities at their own discretion to raise it up to \$10. The hope would be to put more money in municipality transportation funds.

6. Adjourn

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5pm at the UVLSRPC Offices. Meeting adjourned at 6:20PM