

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
and Public Hearing on Ten-Year Plan**

MEETING MINUTES  
January 9, 2018

5:00-6:30 PM  
UVLSRPC Offices  
10 Water Street, Suite 225  
Lebanon, NH 03766

Attendees: Mike Lavalla (Lebanon), Dick Jones (Lyme), Dan Brand (Lyme), Paul Carreiro (Orford), Van Chestnut (Advanced Transit), Stacey Chiocchio (Grantham), Lucy St. John (NHDOT), Patricia Higgins (UVTMA/NH House Hanover and Lyme), Steve Schneider ( ED UVLSRPC), Meghan Butts (UVLSRPC)

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Chestnut called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**2. Action on Minutes from September 12, 2017**

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2017. Mr. Lavalla seconded the motion to approve. Mr. Carreiro, Mr. Chestnut, abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. NH DOT Updates**

Ms. St. John reported that the NH Department of Transportation held 23 GACIT hearings around the state and 3 additional hearings regarding the toll proposal addition to the draft Ten-Year Plan. The plan was approved by GACIT and is now continuing through the legislative process. There is more detailed information on the NH DOT website <https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ/index.htm>

**4. Ten-Year Plan Updates**

Mr. Schneider gave a presentation on the changes to the NHDOT Ten-Year Plan approved by GACIT (see attached).

There was discussion and comments in reference to the CMAQ scoring process, the short application window, and scoring criteria. There was also comment about the changes in CMAQ over the years regarding the focus of where the funding will go. The TAC committee wishes to stay involved in the CMAQ discussion.

Comments were made in regards to the Ten-Year Plan process over the years and the increase in public involvement and project focus. The TAC agrees that there has been more public input opportunities that are valuable to the region. The TAC is looking forward to working with NHDOT in the future through this process.

## **5. UVLSRPC Staff Updates**

### **a. UPWP Work**

#### **i. Bonner Rd**

Ms. Butts reported that UVLSRPC staff are working with the Town of Plainfield on a traffic and speed data collection project. The Town is concerned about traffic and speed on Bonner Road by the elementary school. UVLSRPC staff are collecting data and working with the Town on some cost-effective measures to make the road safer for all modes of travel.

#### **ii. CMP for ESVSB**

Ms. Butts reported that the UVLSRPC staff have completed the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. This plan is required by the State to maintain Scenic Byway status. UVLSRPC staff worked with the Byway committee to draft and complete the plan. The plan was approved by NHDOT in December.

#### **iii. Proposal for Culvert Inventory –Lyme**

Ms. Butts reported that UVLSRPC is working with the Town of Lyme on a cost share opportunity with UPWP for a Culvert Inventory.

#### **iv. Looking for RSMS to cost-share**

Ms. Butts reported that there are UPWP cost-share opportunities for an Road Surface Management Systems survey and budget forecasting project.

#### **v. Sunapee project**

Mr. Schneider reported that UVLSRPC staff is working with the Town of Sunapee on a project to research and collect data on how to make the Route 11 downtown section more of a downtown feel as opposed to current highway conditions.

- Mr. Chestnut commented the the UPWP has been used in the past to include some transit work and studies. The hope is to continue to include these types of projects in future UPWPs

### **b. Meeting Structure**

Ms. Butts shared with the TAC some tasks that other TACs in the state are doing. In particular, Ms. Butts shared some ideas for what is next for UVLSRPC TAC. A suggestion was to use the Regional Transportation Plan and add some more detail to it including specific needs and projects. A further suggestion would

be to break up the region into corridors to help focus needs on a regional basis. Ms. Butts will share more information and examples with the TAC at their March meeting.

Mr. Jones commented that the plan would be best effective if it was not too general but also not too detailed and unachievable.

Mr. Chestnut commented about the importance of this plan and having specific needs, data, and projects outlined in it when applying for future funding.

Mr. Lavalla commented that the TAC over the years has done a good job thinking on a regional level and that focusing on corridors or something similar could bring regional benefits and focus.

Ms. Butts commented that there has been a lot of work done in this realm. It is important to revisit the work and prioritize needs.

## **6. TAC Member Updates and Other Business**

- NHDES reported that the Volkswagen settlement will most likely be administered by the Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) with assistance from NHDES. There will be more news on this in the coming weeks.
  - o Mr. Chestnut commented that Vermont has come out with a proposal with their Volkswagen settlement to replace diesel school and transit buses with electric buses.
- NHDES reported that they are developing an outreach program for cities and towns wishing to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure locally. There will be more information on this program early 2018.
- Ms. Butts confirmed the meeting schedule to bi-monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of those months.

## **7. Adjourn**

Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn. Mr. Lavalla seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM.