

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2019

4:30-6:00 PM

UVLSRPC Offices

10 Water Street, Suite 225

Lebanon, NH 03766

Members Present: Dick Jones (Lyme), Van Chesnut (Advance Transit, Chair), Scott Osgood (Claremont), Paige Heverly (Vital Communities), Terri Paige (SCS Transit), Peter Kulbacki (Hanover)

Guests and Members of the Public: Shaun Mulholland (City Manager, Lebanon), Jim Donison (Public Works Director, Lebanon)

Staff Present: Meghan Butts (UVLSRPC), Steve Schneider (UVLSRPC Director)

I. Call to Order

Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 4:40PM.

II. Action on Minutes from March 12, 2019

Dick Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2018. Paige Heverly seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Ten-Year Plan Project Priority Proposed by Scoring Committee

Meghan Butts gave a brief presentation on NHDOT feedback regarding the five top-ranked Ten-Year Plan projects for the region. The Committee briefly discussed each project. Meghan shared the results of the TAC Scoring and Ranking process that was done by the TAC Scoring Committee. Priority ranking based on criteria did not change as a result on NHDOT feedback leaving the Lebanon: Mechanic Street/Slayton Hill Intersection Improvements project as the region's top priority. Two options were provided to the TAC Scoring Committee regarding this project each varying in cost and scope: A. Roundabout and B. Roundabout and Pedestrian Bridge Improvements. (Details in slides on website <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/comitees-related-to-projects/transportation-advisory-committee/>) The TAC Scoring Committee recommended the TAC recommend Option B to the UVLSRPC Commission for consideration in the Ten-Year Plan. The TAC discussed the two options and the region's budget.

Dick Jones moved to recommend the Region's highest-scored priority project Lebanon: Mechanic Street/Slayton Hill Intersection Improvements with Option B: Roundabout and Pedestrian Bridge Improvements as the priority

recommendation to the UVLSRPC Commission for consideration for the Region's Ten-Year Plan allocation. Terri Paige seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

The Committee discussed the upcoming GACIT hearings for the Ten Year Plan and some conflicting advice of whether advocating for transit funding was appropriate at these hearings.

The Committee briefly discussed some bills in the NH Legislature including transit capital match funding, the cap for vehicle registration fees, and road user/gas tax fees. In regards to road user fees, the Committee discussed where the revenue would go and if there was opportunity for comment on revenue spending.

Van Chesnut discussed that he is working with the City of Lebanon to make safety improvements on the Miracle miles to include bus stop relocation, sidewalks and crossings. This project is in the area of the previous TAP application that did not get funded.

Scott Osgood discussed a failing culvert on Route 4 in Enfield that is at high risk of failure.

Scott Osgood mentioned that Town of Henniker's Road Committee proposed a paving plan and budget. The Town voted to accept this plan at Town meeting which would raise property taxes 20%.

Claremont's projects did not get addressed in this round but the projects are of a high regional priority. The UVLSRPC will work with the City of Claremont to Phase out the larger projects to make them fit more reasonably in the regional allocation.

The Committee discussed the Region's Ten-Year Plan funding allocation and how funding is divided throughout the State. The Committee discussed alternative ways allocation could be divided as the UVLSRPC receives the lowest amount of funding.

Meghan mentioned the Regional Corridor-Based Plan to begin work starting in July with a pilot to start on Route 120 North of I-89.

V. Updates

- a. NHDOT** – not present
- b. UVLSRPC** – UVLSRPC's next round of UPWP funding will begin July 1, 2019
- c. TAC Member** – no updates

VI. Adjourn

Dick Jones motioned to adjourn. Peter Kulbacki seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM.

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