

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

November 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Lebanon Senior Center- Lebanon, NH

Attendees:

Van Chesnut, Chair, Advance Transit
Dave Edkins, Charlestown
Richard Lee, New London
Dick Jones, Lyme
Peter Kulbacki, Hanover
Barbara Brill, CATS
Dennis Pavlicek, Newbury
Tony Bergeron, Sunapee
Ken Daniels, Enfield
Nancy Merrill, Claremont

Staff:

Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

Introductions and Approval of October 13th Meeting Minutes

Following introductions, Dick Jones moved that the minutes of October 13th be accepted as submitted. Richard Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Dave Edkins abstained due to absence.

TAC Work Session- TE Project Prioritization

Nate Miller reported that the TE Prioritization Sub-Committee met following the recent GACIT Hearing in Newbury to score the four applications. The Sub-Committee's scoring is a recommendation to the TAC. The three-person Sub-Committee was comprised of staff (Nate Miller and Christine Walker) and a TAC member (Dennis Pavlicek of Newbury).

Nate Miller presented the Sub-Committee's scoring:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	Town of New London- Elkins Village Improvements	58.4 Points
2	City of Claremont- Sugar River Pathway	56.1 Points
3	City of Lebanon- Meriden Road Improvements	55.5 Points
4	New Hampshire DOT- Historic Highway Bridge Inventory	51.6 Points

During the discussion, TAC members offered the following comments about each application.

Town of New London:

The TAC was impressed that a neighborhood-level plan had been completed for Elkins Village to provide planning justification for the project. The Committee recognized that the project includes comprehensive improvements to Elkins Village that go beyond the construction of new sidewalks. Streetscape and traffic calming improvements are planned for Elkins Road, the

Village's main thoroughfare, and the project includes the purchase of the historic Scythe Co. building for preservation and future restoration. The TAC also commended the Town of New London for developing a project that has demonstrable benefits beyond their municipal borders in the Town of Wilmot.

City of Claremont:

The TAC commended the City of Claremont for developing an application that promotes community cohesion by providing pedestrian links between neighborhoods, retail destinations, recreational destinations, and the City Center. The potential economic benefits of this project are clear and the TAC recognized that this project would increase pedestrian access to the local public transportation system, Community Alliance Transportation Services. The TAC confirmed their support for this project and expressed hope that all (or part) of the project could be funded in this Transportation Enhancement round.

City of Lebanon:

The TAC was impressed by the long-standing community planning that laid a foundation for this application and recognized the potential safety benefits of the project for pedestrians and cyclists. The TAC also recognized the secondary safety benefit of improving sight distances for automobile drivers in the vicinity of the "sharp curve" on Meriden Road. The Committee expressed support for this project, and encouraged the City of Lebanon to apply for Transportation Enhancement funding in a future round or incorporate the project into the local Capital Improvement Plan.

New Hampshire Department of Transportation:

The TAC recognized the regional benefits that this project offers and supports NHDOT's efforts to plan for historic highway bridges, which may include adaptive re-use. While this application did not score as well as the more extensive local capital improvement projects, the Committee encouraged NHDOT to continue to pursue other funding sources for this work. The TAC commended NHDOT on its effort to develop cost-saving efficiencies in the Historic and Cultural Resource review processes.

Dick Jones moved that the TAC adopt the Sub-Committee's scoring and priorities. Peter Kulbacki seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Nate Miller advised that he would send correspondence to all of the applicants detailing the TAC's prioritization of the applications.

Other Business

The TAC confirmed their next meeting for December 8th at 5:00 PM at the Lebanon Senior Center. Nate Miller noted that the TAC would be scoring and prioritizing Safe Routes to School (Round 4) applications at the December meeting.

Dick Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. Dave Edkins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.