

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

December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes
UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

Attendees:

Van Chesnut, Chair
Dick Jones, Lyme
Mike Lavalla, Lebanon
Bruce Temple, Claremont
Dave Edkins, Charlestown
Carl Schmidt, Orford
Dean Eastman, NHDOT
Christine Walker, UVLSRPC
Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

Acceptance of October 11th Meeting Minutes

Following introductions, Dick Jones moved that the minutes of October 11th be accepted as submitted. Bruce Temple seconded and the motion passed with Dave Edkins and Carl Schmidt abstaining due to absence.

Review of 2013-2022 Draft Ten-Year Plan as Approved by GACIT

Nate Miller reported that the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) approved the 2013-2022 Ten-Year Plan on November 30th with a number of important changes. The Ten-Year Plan will now be reviewed by Governor Lynch, and ultimately, the State Legislature.

Nate Miller distributed a summary table of the region's Ten-Year Plan projects (attached to these minutes for reference), comparing the 2011-2020 Ten-Year Plan with the Original Draft 2013-2022 Ten-Year Plan and the GACIT-approved 2013-2022 Ten-Year Plan.

Nate Miller reported that the Reconstruction of NH Route 12 in Walpole and Charlestown, the TAC's top priority project, was reinstated into the Ten-Year Plan after NHDOT proposed deferring the project in the initial draft of the 2013-2022 Ten-Year Plan.

Dave Edkins noted that scores of residents from both Charlestown and Walpole participated in GACIT hearings around the state to advocate for the project. Dave Edkins thanked TAC members, UVLSRPC staff, Councilor Burton, Senator Odell, and state representatives from both communities for their strong support of the project.

Nate Miller advised that GACIT Commission members, including Councilors Burton and St. Hilaire, spoke eloquently at the final two hearings in Concord about the importance of recognizing regionally-developed TAC project priorities. The GACIT Commission worked carefully to ensure that regional priorities from around the state were recognized in the 2013-2022 Ten-Year Plan.

Transportation Planning Collaborative

Nate Miller reported that the transportation planners from each of the state's nine Regional Planning Commissions have been meeting quarterly with staff from the NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance to collaborate on statewide issues. Nate Miller asked if TAC members had any suggestions for topics that the group should be working on.

Van Chesnut suggested that the group consider developing a statewide Complete Streets Policy, noting that Regional Planning Commissions in Vermont played a key role in that state's recently-adopted Complete Streets legislation.

Mike Lavalla suggested that the group form partnerships with agencies like the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) to learn and share information about cold weather infrastructure innovations.

Overview of HUD Regional Planning Grant

Christine Walker reported that New Hampshire's Regional Planning Commissions have been awarded a three-year, \$3.37 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Regional Planning Grant Program to develop comprehensive regional plans in each of the state's nine regional planning areas.

Christine Walker distributed a two-page summary of this effort (attached to these minutes for reference) for TAC members to review.

Updates from TAC Members

Bruce Temple reported that the City of Claremont is in the process of selecting an engineering consultant for the reconstruction of North/Main Street.

Dean Eastman reported that the NHDOT has released its new Local Public Agency (LPA) Program Administration manual, and reminded TAC members that the LPA manual outlines the rules and procedures for administering FHWA-funded projects. The NHDOT is scheduling a meeting in Concord in January to present an overview of the changes that have been incorporated into the new LPA Manual, and the Department is considering similar presentations to the TACs around the state.

Other Business

Bruce Temple moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Dick Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

UVLSRPC Ten-Year Plan Project Summary

Prepared for UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee- December 13, 2011

EXISTING TEN-YEAR PLAN PROJECTS THAT HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY ADVANCED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION						
Priority	Community	Project	2011-2020 TYP Construction Year	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Original Draft)	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (GACIT Approved)	Notes
N/A	Claremont	Reconstruction/Safety Improvements at Draper's Corners (Maple Ave, Pleasant St, Charlestown Rd)	2011	Complete by 2013	Complete by 2013	Direct congressional appropriation, design complete, preparatory work in progress.
N/A	Enfield	Bridge Replacement on Main Street over Mascoma Lake (Shaker Bridge)	2011-2012	Complete by 2013	Complete by 2013	Construction in progress.
N/A	Enfield	Improvements to Rail Trail Crossing	2011	Complete by 2013	Complete by 2013	Project separated from Shaker Bridge replacement work.
N/A	Lebanon	Reconstruction of Interstate Bridges at I-89 Exit 20, Including Approaches on NH 12A	2010-2012	Complete by 2013	Complete by 2013	Construction in progress, partially funded by ARRA.
N/A	Lebanon-Hartford	Replace Bridge over Connecticut River (U.S. Route 4)	2011-2012	2013-2014	2013-2014	State Redlist Bridge Priority #3, bridge closed, temporary bridge installed, design complete.
N/A	Claremont	North Street Intersection Relocation	2012	2012-2013	2012-2013	Direct congressional appropriation, design work in progress.
EXISTING PROJECT PRIORITIES (NON-INTERSTATE)						
Priority	Community	Project	2011-2020 TYP Construction Year	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Original Draft)	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (GACIT Approved)	Notes
#1	Walpole-Charlestown	Reconstruction/Safety Improvements NH Route 12 from NH Route 12A in South Charlestown to Main Street in North Walpole	2013-2015	DEFERRED	2015-2017	Implementation of preferred alternative from CSS Task Force.
#2	Lebanon	Bridge Replacement over Mascoma River (U.S. Route 4) and Improvements to Intersection of U.S. Route 4/NH Route 4A	2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015	Design complete, State Redlist Bridge Priority #9.
#3	Lebanon	Reconstruction of Mechanic Street from High Street to I-89 Ramps, Install Sidewalks, Upgrade Storm Drainage	2013-2014	2016	2016	Coordination with EPA-mandated CSO project in question with proposed construction delay to 2016.
#4	Lyme-Thetford	Rehabilitate Bridge over Connecticut River (East Thetford Road)	2016	2017	2017	State Redlist Bridge Priority #75, CSS design process recommended.
#5	Acworth	Replace Bridge over Bowers Brook (NH 123A)	2018	2020	2020	State Redlist Bridge Priority #12, October 2005 flood damage
#6	New London	Reconstruction of Main Street (NH Route 114) from Crockett's Corner (NH 11) to Homan's Corner (Newport Road)	2019	DEFERRED	DEFERRED	Deferred beyond 2022 by NHDOT and GACIT.
EXISTING PROJECT PRIORITIES (INTERSTATE)						
Priority	Community	Project	2011-2020 TYP Construction Year	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Original Draft)	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (GACIT Approved)	Notes
#1	Lebanon-Hartford	Rehabilitation of Bridges over Connecticut River (I-89)	2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	State Redlist Bridge Priorities #49 and #50
#2	Enfield-Lebanon	Interstate Rehabilitation (I-89) from Exit 15 to Exit 17, Includes Bridges #156/117 and #115/117	2012-2013	2013	2013	State Redlist Bridge Priorities #39, #40, #67, and #68.
#3	Lebanon	Interstate Rehabilitation (I-89) from Exit 17 to Just South of Exit 20, Includes Bridges #158/114, #159/114, #093/109, and #094/108	2014-2015	2019-2020	2019-2020	State Redlist Bridge Priorities #41 and #42
#4	Sutton-New London	Interstate Rehabilitation from Exit 10 to Exit 11 (I-89)	2015	2017-2018	2017-2018	Approx. 4.0 miles of Interstate Rehabilitation
EXISTING PROJECT PRIORITIES (TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT)						
Priority	Community	Project	2011-2020 TYP Construction Year	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Original Draft)	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (GACIT Approved)	Notes
#1	New London	Elkins Village Improvements	2013	2014	2014	Municipally-managed, partially funded by Town of New London
#2	Lebanon	Meriden Road Bicycle Pedestrian Improvements	2012	Complete by 2013	Complete by 2013	Municipally-managed, partially funded by City of Lebanon
UNFUNDED NEEDS						
Priority	Community	Project	Estimated Cost	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Original Draft)	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (GACIT Approved)	Notes
#1	Enfield	Add Shoulders, Improve Horizontal Curves, Remove Clear Zone Obstructions along U.S. Route 4 from Maple/Main Street to the Lebanon City Line (Approx. 1.5 Miles)	\$5,500,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	1.5-mile long segment with steep grade changes, blind horizontal curves, obstructions in the clear zone, and lack of adequate shoulders. Substantial accident history.
#2	Newport-Goshen-Lempster	Reconstruct/Rehabilitate NH Route 10 from Newport to the Marlow Town Line (15 Miles), Improve Safety at Key Intersections Including NH Route 10/NH Route 31	\$15,000,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	The 15-mile segment was previously programmed in the Ten-Year Plan. Will require areas of full-depth reconstruction. Safety issues at key intersections, including NH Route 10/NH Route 31. This project lends itself to phasing.
#3	Claremont	Rehabilitate and Improve Sidewalks on Lower Main Street (NH Route 12) from Opera House Square to Esersky's Bridge	\$2,000,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Project has direct Congressional Appropriation of \$487,000. Potential State Aid Highway-eligible project. City of Claremont's top priority.
#4	Claremont	Rehabilitate and Improve Sidewalks on Charlestown Road (NH Route 12) from Draper's Corners to Urban Compact Boundary	\$4,800,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Heavily-traveled freight corridor and entrance gateway to the City of Claremont. Proposed improvements include rehabilitation of the road and construction of new ADA-accessible sidewalks.
#5	Grantham-Springfield-New London	Reconstruct/Rehabilitate NH Route 114 from NH Route 10 in Grantham to Homan's Corner in New London (Approx. 12.3 Miles)	\$15,000,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	The 12.3-mile segment of NH Route 114 in Grantham, Springfield, and New London will require areas of full-depth reconstruction. This project lends itself to phasing.
T-#6	Charlestown	Reconstruct/Rehabilitate NH Route 12 from NH Route 12A in South Charlestown to Almar Street (Approx 2.0 Miles)	\$7,500,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	The 2.0-mile segment of NH Route 12 will require roadway rehabilitation, improved shoulders and guardrail.
T-#6	Claremont	Rehabilitate and Improve Sidewalks on Main Street (NH Route 12) from Esersky's Bridge to Citizens Street	\$3,500,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Project should be constructed only after the rehabilitation of Lower Main Street (Priority #3) is completed.
#8	Hanover	Improve Horizontal Curves, Install Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane on Greensboro Rd. from Great Hollow Rd. to NH Route 120	\$3,850,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Not in Ten-Year Plan	TAC recommends that the town phase the project and apply for Transportation Enhancement funding in a future round.

NH SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Regional Comprehensive Planning Program

Project Summary

Given that New Hampshire's population could fit within the boundaries of many of the nation's major cities we are presented with the unique opportunity to create a truly integrated approach to planning, not just in one city or region, but across the state as a whole. This regional comprehensive planning program is an innovative statewide project that coordinates previous long range planning efforts for transportation, land use, economic development, housing environment, energy, cultural and historic resources, public health, and environmental planning into a common framework, engages local communities to work together to develop a comprehensive plan for their region, and culminates with an overall vision for New Hampshire's future.

The 2011 NH SCI will be led by the State's 9 Regional Planning Commissions and supported by a consortium of partners that includes 9 state agencies, 9 non-profit organizations, the University of New Hampshire (UNH), ActionMedia, 3 counties, and 67 municipalities. Together, the consortium will use an extensive, coordinated and consistent public involvement process specifically designed to engage a broad cross-section of each community including traditionally marginalized populations, building each plan from the grass roots level. The Initiative will provide a planning structure, tools and support that increase our state's ability to: engage communities; integrate planning across sectors; identify, share and replicate successful projects; and, implement high quality, cohesive development practices. Together these practices will make it possible for large communities and small villages throughout the state to achieve economic vitality while safeguarding the natural resources, character and rural landscapes that we so deeply value.

The objectives of this project are to:

- Increase capacity within the State to create coordinated regional plans.
- Establish a consistent planning and policy framework.
- Build up from the grass roots level to coordinate local plans into an overall statewide strategy.
- Capitalize on and incorporate shared principles and policies included in our existing plans.
- Plan for public infrastructure investment in local comprehensive land use plans and direct capital investment toward appropriately scaled centers that fulfill regional needs.

Each of the nine regional plans will:

- Address the unique needs of local and regional communities.
- Develop a vision statement and set goals and priorities.
- Integrate planning for housing, transportation, water infrastructure, natural resources, economic development, cultural and historic resources, public health, climate change and adaptation, and energy efficiency.
- Conduct scenario planning that informs future development patterns.
- Identify and prioritize place-based implementation projects.

Next steps and how to get involved in the regional planning process:

The regional planning process will commence early in 2012, beginning with a statewide kickoff event for the nearly 100 consortium members and setting the stage for a coordinated planning process. Each of the Regional Planning Commissions is looking for local and regional partners to participation on their:

- *Regional Advisory Committee:* Regional partners and volunteers will facilitate the local and regional outreach processes, review local information, prioritize implementation, and track progress.
- *Regional Equity Team:* Comprised of representatives of underserved and marginalized populations in their region that will ensure the voices of these populations are reflected in the regional plan.

Contact your Regional Planning Commission to become a part of this unique opportunity!

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS

Region 1: North Country Council

Bethlehem, NH

Michael King, Executive Director

www.nccouncil.org/

Region 2: Lakes Region Planning Commission

Meredith, NH

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director

www.lakesrpc.org/

Region 3: Upper Valley Lakes Sunapee Council

Lebanon, NH

Christine Walker, Executive Director

www.uvlsrcpc.org/

Region 4: Southwest Region Planning Comm.

Keene, NH

Tim Murphy, Executive Director

www.swrpc.org/

Region 5a: Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Concord, NH

Michael Tardiff, Executive Director

www.cnhrpc.org/

Region 5b: Southern NH Planning Commission

Manchester, NH

David Preece, Executive Director

www.snhpc.org

Region 5c: Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Merrimack, NH

Kerrie Diers, Executive Director

www.nashuarpc.org

Region 6: Rockingham Planning Commission

Exeter, NH

Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director

www.rpc-nh.org/

Region 7: Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Dover, NH

Cynthia Copeland, Executive Director

www.strafford.org/

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- 1 - North Country Council
- 2 - Lakes Region
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- 4 - Southwest
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