

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

June 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes
UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

Attendees:

Mike Lavalla, Lebanon
Peter Kulbacki, Hanover
Dick Jones, Lyme
Dave Edkins, Charlestown
Adam Ricker, UVLSRPC
Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

TAC Vice-Chairman Dick Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Peter Kulbacki moved that the minutes of April 8, 2014 be approved as submitted. Mike Lavalla seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Review of SB 367-Funded Projects in the UVLSRPC Region:

Nate Miller reported that the additional revenue (4.2 cents per gallon of fuel) dedicated for the state's transportation system as a result of the passing of SB 367 will result in the funding of the following resurfacing, reconstruction, and municipal bridge projects this year in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region:

Resurfacing Projects:

- Town of Croydon- Croydon Turnpike from NH Route 10 northerly to Loverin Hill Road (3.1 miles);
- Town of Lyme- Dorchester Road from NH Route 10 easterly to 950 feet east of the Dorchester Road/Grafton Turnpike split (3.2 miles);
- Town of Lyme- High Street from NH Route 10 to Dorchester Road (0.5 miles);
- Town of Newbury/New London- NH Route 103A from Bowles Road to NH Route 11 (5.5 miles);
- Town of Plainfield- Stage Road from NH Route 12A to NH Route 120 (5.7 miles);
- Town of Newport/City of Claremont- NH Route 11 from east of Old Newport Road to west of Ayers Road (4.1 miles);
- City of Lebanon- NH Route 4A from east of U.S. Route 4 to the Enfield-Lebanon town line (1.1 miles);
- Town of Charlestown- Lovers Lane from NH Route 11 to NH Route 12 (0.8 miles);
- Town of Washington- NH Route 31 from Lempster Mountain Road to the Goshen-Washington town line (5.5 miles).

Reconstruction Projects:

- None in the UVLSRPC region.

Municipal Bridge Projects:

- City of Lebanon- Bridge Rehabilitation (U.S. Route 4/NH Route 10 over the Mascoma River)

Discussion of Lyme-Thetford Bridge Rehabilitation Project:

Nate Miller reported that a recent inspection of the Lyme-Thetford Bridge identified a significant structural deficiency, resulting in the bridge being downposted to a 15-ton weight limit. Emergency repairs are needed. This project has been on the Ten-Year Plan for nearly 15 years, and is currently scheduled for construction in 2022.

Nate Miller noted that the TAC identified this project as a higher regional priority than some new projects with more advanced construction timeline. For instance, the Mascoma Street Bridge over Interstate 89 in Lebanon was added as a new project in the Ten-Year Plan, with construction scheduled for 2021. The Mascoma Street Bridge was identified a lower regional priority than the Lyme-Thetford Bridge. Yet, its construction timeline is more advanced.

TAC members discussed the importance of the Lyme-Thetford Bridge to the region's mobility, freight movement, and emergency response. Dave Edkins moved that Nate Miller draft and submit correspondence to the NHDOT requesting that the construction timeline for the Lyme-Thetford Bridge be advanced in exchange for delaying a lower priority project in the region (Mascoma Street Bridge over Interstate 89). Mike Lavalla seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

UVLSRPC Regional Transportation Plan- Implementation Recommendations:

This item was tabled to the TAC's next meeting.

Updates from TAC Members:

- Peter Kulbacki reported that construction on Phase I of the Hanover Mobility Hub will begin imminently.

Adjournment:

Peter Kulbacki moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Mike Lavalla seconded and the motion passed unanimously.