

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

August 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

## **Attendees:**

Van Chesnut, Chair, Advance Transit  
Mike Lavalla, Lebanon  
Dick Jones, Lyme  
Dave Edkins, Charlestown  
William Rose, NHDOT  
Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

TAC Chairman Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Dick Jones moved that the minutes of June 10, 2014 be approved as submitted. Dave Edkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Presentation of Draft UVLSRPC Regional Transportation Plan:**

Nate Miller gave a presentation summarizing key elements of the draft UVLSRPC Regional Transportation Plan, including the following:

Highways and Bridges	Rail Transportation
Safety	Air Transportation
Public Transportation	Transportation Demand Management
Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation	Human Service and Volunteer Transportation;

For each component of the plan, there is a Vision Statement (desired future condition), Performance Measures (quantifiable metrics that the region will use to assess progress toward the vision), Improvement Needs (projects identified to help the region achieve the vision), and Implementation Strategies (efforts to undertake to achieve the improvement needs).

The presentation on the draft UVLSRPC Regional Transportation Plan is affixed to these minutes for reference.

Following the presentation, TAC members offered the following comments:

- Definitions should be provided for the terms (Highway, Capacity, and Bridge) used on the regional capital improvement needs map.
- The proposed Interstate 89 corridor study should extend into Vermont.
- A strategy should be identified to improve communication and data sharing between NHDOT Pavement Management staff and communities.
- Historical data should be included, when available, in all charts detailing performance measures.
- A safety improvement need related to animal-vehicle collisions on NH Route 12 in North Charlestown should be included.
- A safety improvement need for the intersection of NH Route 120/Townhouse Road in Cornish should be included.

- Consider simplifying references to specific federal funding programs (e.g. HSIP) because those programs may change.
- Include a transit improvement need for a mobility hub in downtown Lebanon.
- Include a transit improvement need for a mobility hub in West Lebanon village.
- Combine some of the strategies in the public transportation section to eliminate redundancy.
- Include passenger rail ridership in White River Junction, Vermont as part of the region's baseline for rail transportation performance measurement.
- Include a strategy for coordinating with the State of Vermont on passenger rail development initiatives.

Nate Miller thanked TAC members for their thoughtful comments.

**Adjournment:**

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

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