

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

April 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

Attendees:

Van Chesnut, Chair, Advance Transit
Clint Bean, Grantham
Dave Edkins, Charlestown
Dick Jones, Lyme
Scott Osgood, Enfield
Tom Woodley, Claremont
Scott Sweet, Claremont
Nate Miller, UVLSRPC
Adam Ricker, UVLSRPC

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

Approval of Minutes:

Dick Jones moved that the minutes of February 2, 2015 be approved as submitted. Tom Woodley seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Scott Osgood and Dave Edkins abstained.

Prioritization of the 2017 – 2026 Ten-Year Plan Projects:

Nate Miller reported that the TAC Scoring Subcommittee, including Tom Woodley, Dick Jones, and Mike Lavalla, had met on Tuesday, April 21 to review all existing and proposed Ten-Year Plan projects in the region and score them according to the criteria provided by NHDOT. The criteria are slightly different for this Ten-Year Plan than the previous as the environment, economic development and potential for success categories were removed from scoring and used as thresholds to assess the project.

Nate explained that the region's projects for the 2017-2026 Ten-Year Plan had seen very little shift in the prioritization rankings. The shifts that did occur are attributed to updated data (i.e. crash data, traffic volume, asset condition). UVLSRPC continues to work within the budget of \$82 million region wide over the next ten years.

Nate reviewed the project list and summaries in order of ranking for each project. The projects fall into several categories including: Existing Projects to be Completed Prior to 2017-2026 TYP, Non-Programmatic Prioritized Projects Recommended for Inclusion in the 2017-2026 TYP, Additional Needs for 2017-2026 TYP – Not Included Due to Budgetary Constraint, Prioritized Projects Within Urban Compact Areas for Municipal Urban Program (MUPCA) Funding Consideration, and Prioritized Projects on Non-Federal Aid Highways for Reconstruction of Secondary Roads (RSR) Funding Consideration. The number one priority in the UVLSRPC Region remains the same, to rehabilitate the I-89 Bridges over the Connecticut River from Lebanon to Hartford, VT. Nate explained that this particular bridge project would see a higher than usual contribution from the State of Vermont due to the extensive work needed on the interstate on the Vermont side of the bridges.

Nate Miller continued to review the projects for the TYP plan that are not included due to budgetary constraints. There are 11 projects in this category for an additional cost of \$42 million. It was noted that

project AN-10 (Mascoma Street Bridge Rehabilitation) in Lebanon, did not rank highly because of the availability of an alternate route.

There were three additional projects in the Municipal Urban Program (MUPCA) including the Lebanon Mechanic Street reconstruction. It was noted that there would likely be additional cost due to not being able to combine the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project with the Mechanic Street project. The group discussed whether MUPCA was still the correct funding source to pursue and it was decided that the topic would be pursued with the new NHDOT Commissioner when one is appointed.

The last group of projects to be considered was the projects on Non-Federal Aid Highways, including the Reconstruction of NH Route 103A in New London and Newbury and the second phase of reconstruction of NH 114 through Grantham, Springfield and New London.

There was a motion made by Clint Bean to adopt the region's 2017-2026 Ten-Year Plan priorities and submit the priorities to the NHDOT. Dave Edkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Asking for any updates from TAC Members, Scott Osgood mentioned that he was looking forward to the hands free law coming into effect and Tom Woodley mentioned Claremont DPW would have to outfit their vehicles with Bluetooth devices.

Tom Woodley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30. Clint Bean seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

