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**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Public
Hearing & Meeting
August 20, 2010
SRPC Office, Rochester, NH
Minutes
FINAL**

SRPC Policy Members Present: Rick McMenimen (Newmarket), Lou Vita (Middleton), Kenn Ortmann (Rochester), Bob Jaffin (Rochester), Tom Crosby (Madbury), Sandra Keans (Rochester), Beverly Cray (UNH), Caren Rossi (Lee), Tom Clark (Dover), Chris Skoglund (NHDES-ARD), Glenn Davison (NHDOT), Jeremy LaRose (COAST) and Eric Abrams (NHDES-ARD)

SRPC Policy Members Not Present: Edmund Jansen, Jr. (Rollinsford), Steven Jeffery (Barrington), Jim Murfey (Brookfield), John Parry (Durham), Dot Viesel (New Durham), Bruce Woodruff (Milton), Scott Martin (Northwood),

SRPC Staff Present: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Dan Camara (GIS/Transportation Analyst), Marc Ambrosi (Regional Transportation Planner), and Marilyn Barton (Administrative Assistant)

1. Convene Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting/Introductions

Vice-Chair L. Vita convened the meeting of the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization at 10:08 a.m. and introductions were given around the room.

2.1 Draft MPO Minutes of March 19, 2010

L. Vita asked for a motion to adopt the draft MPO minutes of June 18, 2010. R. McMenimen made a motion. C. Skoglund noted on page two under section 4.2, he would like to see the word "resent" hyphenated to read, "re-sent" so there is no misunderstanding in that sentence. S. Keans seconded that motion with change as noted. It was noted there were four abstentions – C. Skoglund, T. Clark, J. LaRose and B. Cray as they were not present at that meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

2.2 CMAQ Regional Rankings

D. Camara briefly went over the attachment included in the packet. B. Cray gave an overview of the three UNH projects. A discussion ensued regarding how air quality was impacted. D. Camara noted that the RPC scoring subcommittee met to score the region's projects and that the SRPC regional rankings were as follows: #1 UNH-Durham AVL/GPS Transit Information System, #2 UNH-Durham

Wildcat Fleet Replacement, and #3 UNH-Durham New Transit Service between Rochester and Durham via Route 125. D. Camara noted the next step in the CMAQ process would be state scoring and then the CMAQ Advisory Committee presentations/scoring. D. Camara stated the final score would be weighted, 1/3 RPC scoring, 1/3 DOT scoring and 1/3 Advisory Committee scoring and should help to prevent projects from being shuffled around throughout the process. C. Skoglund noted the CMAQ Advisory Committee would also throw out their high and low scores to keep things balanced by removing outliers. D. Camara noted that applicant presentations to the CMAQ Advisory Committee would be on November 10th and that a presentation schedule should be forthcoming. With no other discussion, L. Vita asked for a motion. C. Rossi made a motion to approve the regional rankings. J. Larose seconded that motion. It was noted there was one abstention- B. Cray as she was from UNH whose applications were being voted on. All in favor, motion carried.

3.1 TIP 2011-2014

M. Ambrosi noted the process was going well and final edits were being made to the tables. M. Ambrosi stated a draft should be available in another week or so. D. Camara stated the public comment period would begin on September 13, 2010 and end on October 14, 2010 and the next Policy meeting would be October 15, 2010. D. Camara stated they hoped to have a draft available at the next TAC meeting. M. Ambrosi reviewed all the local projects on the handout given out at the meeting. There was no other discussion.

3.2 Air Quality Conformity

D. Camara stated part of the TIP and Long Range Plan process involves an Air Quality determination based on a mobile sources emissions budget that is determined by EPA. D. Camara noted projects in the TIP and Plan have to prove they will stay within the emissions budget and will meet "conformity" or there would be no federal funding. C. Skoglund and E. Abrams discussed the budget and how it affects projects and other areas in the region.

4. Project Updates

C. Copeland stated SRPC had received the draft response to the Planning Review done in February 2010. C. Copeland noted it is in the process of being reviewed by SRPC staff and comments will be provided to address the corrective actions and that FHWA and FTA hoped to have the final document finished by the end of September 2010.

M. Barton noted she and M. Ambrosi had met with the William Allen School earlier in August to help them prepare for the upcoming school year in regards to Safe Routes To School. M. Barton noted she had received some walking logs from Walk NH so the kids could record how far they have walked. K. Ortmann asked if anything had been discussed on whether there was any way of encouraging the parents to let their children walk as most of them feel it is unsafe. There were suggestions of other resources the school could use to allow parents to feel more confident about their children walking or riding their bikes to school.

M. Ambrosi spoke about the climate change questionnaire sent by L. Levine and that it had been filled out and sent back. M. Ambrosi went over the livability issues facing the issues and efforts to improve those issues.

5. Other Business

C. Copeland noted the next Executive Committee meeting is September 17, 2010 and wanted to know if the Policy Committee meeting would mind changing their time from the current 10 a.m start time to 9 a.m., as the Executive Committee is usually finished by that time. All in attendance agreed to change the time to 9 a.m. for future meetings.

G. Davision spoke about the 2010 aerial imagery acquisition and that the orthophotos are currently being post processed and reviewed. They should be available sometime before the end of the calendar year on NHGRANIT for public use.

7. Adjournment

L. Vita asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. K. Ortmann made a motion and R. McMenimen seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



**Marilyn Barton
Recording Secretary**



**Lou Vita
Strafford Regional Planning Committee Commission Vice-Chair**

