

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

October 21, 2009

Present:

Joel Godston, Steve Young, Rob Nader, William Rose, Carl Martland, Doug Grant, Glenn English, Charles Muller, Dick Hamilton, Joseph Elgosin, Beverly Raymond, Frank Claffey, and Joe Chenard.

Staff:

Mary Deppe, Michelle Moren

Call To Order:

Beverly Raymond called the meeting to order at 3:05.

Welcome / Introductions / Attendance

Round table of introductions were completed and attendance was taken.

Review and approve minutes from 8/19/09

Minutes, agenda and handouts were passed out and members introduced themselves.

Motion:

Joseph Elgosin made a motion to approve the minutes with any corrections from the 08/19/09 meeting. Joel Godston seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Review / Approve: Transportation Enhancement Scoring

Last Wednesday all the applicants for the TE projects came presented their projects. The TAC members scored them and will be sending out the scoring to the towns and NHDOT. The general feeling from the TAC that scored the applications was that all applications were good and it came down to a few points. There were a total of 11 TAC members that scored applications (2 by mail and 9 at the scoring meeting).

Discussion:

Joe Elgosin stated that in the past the committee has tried to keep the projects separate DOT vs. Town to assist in scoring, there was a general feeling that the current scoring is better than the past. NH DOT asks all regions to look at scoring criteria and update it according to their priorities.

Possibly in the future there needs to be clarification as to what projects the TE program is for, for example a \$50,000 going up against a larger dollar project is difficult. Action item and outline as to what the program is about.

The competition between state and municipalities has been ongoing and project should and were scored based on the criteria.

The TE round occurs every 2 years and depends on the funding from Washington, possibility of creating a sub-committee to reform and update scoring before the next round.

Question

How did it work for those who were scoring?

Thought they were all good projects, limited funding but maybe one will be funded, the quality of the match was considered. Project cost did not have anything to do with the scoring.

Does DOT feel out scoring criteria was valid?

William Rose: without looking in detail over the descriptions he could not say but he did state that at first glance it does appear to be valid and it is similar to other RPC.

Still concern that the smaller towns/projects can not compete against the larger towns/projects, although they are all scored on the same criteria.

Question

How many projects were submitted to DOT?

DOT received 85 letters, 60-70 projects totaling approximately 65 million competing for approximately \$6 million and there were about 53 projects submitted for a total of \$23 million. Regardless how different the projects may be, they will be still competing for the same dollar amount. At this point NHDOT has set a deadline of December 10 for RPCs to rank and review all projects. By the end of February, NHDOT will know which projects will be funded. The state scoring criteria will be available for NCC.

Motion:

A motion was made by Glenn English to approve the scoring of the TE Projects and was seconded by Steve Young. Joseph Elgosin opposed and all others were in favor.

NHDOT Updates

TYP/GACIT

Ten Year Plan GACIT meetings are winding down there were a total of 37 meetings with 13 in this region. A TYP draft was passed out.

TIP

No information as of now when the next round will be, the committee will be updating the TIP scoring process.

Comment:

Dean and William will be taking turns coming to the TAC meetings.

Other Business:

Transit Update Beverly Raymond

Tri-CAP has made a request for a 2nd round of funds for maintenance such as 4 bay garage, generator, and snow removal equipment. They have received the funds for a travel trainer. Beverly explained that for riders ages 60 and over or for disabled riders, there is a suggested donation. The public can ride for \$3 or purchase a pass at a discounted ride rate.

SRTS

Applications are due November 9 to the RPC's and NHDOT, at this point there are 2 towns with applications Groveton and Littleton. Mary asked for a group of volunteers to form a sub-committee to review and score the applications. January 5th is the deadline to have scoring to NHDOT. Sub-Committee: Beverly, Joel, Carl, Frank, Doug and Joe.

Scenic Byways letters of intent

Letter of intent need to be submitted to NHDOT by Nov 15th. The first scenic byways meeting occurred a few weeks ago. It was the first in awhile.

Adoption of RTP and Transit Plan

Both plans were adopted by the TAC, Board and NCC reps at the annual meeting. Final edits will be done and then will be printed.

2010 TAC Meeting Schedule

Mary Deppe passed out the 2010 TAC meeting schedule and asked TAC members to mark their calendars.

Comment:

Mary was the awarded planner of the year for NCC she has done a great job of keeping all the transit plans and programs on track.

North Country RideShare Update

Funding for the NC RideShare development has been received, it will be built upon the finding of the committee MaryLou Krambeer formed. The program will focus on the towns of Lancaster, Stratford, Whitefield and Groveton. The first phase of forming a committee has occurred and be starting to develop the framework and marketing for the program. As the program succeeds surrounding areas will be added in as funding allows.

Comment:

There are now 2 busses a day to Boston (Concord Trailways), it would be nice to write a letter of support for this service. Beverly indicated that she would write one. Mary Deppe will write one from the TAC.

TE Applications

Applicants will be sent a copy of the scoring explanation and their total score.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Elgosin and seconded by Charles Muller. All were in favor none were opposed.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Minutes Written by:	Michelle Moren	8/19/09
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