

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 16, 2010

**Present:** Henry Anderson, Executive Councilor Raymond Burton, Joseph Elgosin, Glenn English, Joel Godston, Doug Grant, Charles Muller, Regan Pride, William Rose, Bob Stevenson, Mary Lou Krambeer, Ben Olsen, Beverly Raymond

**Staff:** Michael King, Mary Deppe, Michelle Moren

**Call To Order:**

Joseph Elgosin called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

**Welcome / Introductions / Attendance**

Round table of introductions was completed and attendance was taken.

**Review and approve minutes from 10/21/09**

Motion was made by Glenn English to approve the minutes from the 2/17/10 TAC meeting, Bob Stevenson seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The minutes were approved without changes.

**Review and discussion of draft of NCC TIP Scoring Criteria**

Mary Deppe explained that material was sent out in the mail for committee to review prior to meeting. This TIP scoring criteria, when approved by the TAC is what will be used to review projects in the ten year plan and develop priorities. The TE scoring that was created last year was used as a template for this draft. UVLSRPC, Lakes Regions and the old scoring was looked at to develop this new scoring. Categories are weighted differently according to importance to region.

Discussion included the following:

Doug Grant: Commented, using multiply vs. add in the total score. The variance is too great when the numbers are multiplied. For example if you use multiply and have a high point category it is not recoverable. If it is created by adding it will not boost the number as high.

Mary Deppe: Commented that this is how it was done for TE and she will take a look at how others are doing this, along with speaking to Tara and staff about this matter.

Mike King: Commented that you would want to take the percentage of the total points awarded. Looking to find the weighted value of what is awarded to the category.

Glenn English: The point's available column is the weighted value, so it is possible that this column needs to be addressed.

Joseph Elgosin: When this was first set up there was no multiplier and was based on a solid score, basically the system in place has worked.

Mary Deppe: Some categories should have a higher weight, depending on how important it is to our region.

Doug Grant: Gave an example that if you map -3 through +3 into an example 1.0, 1.85, 1.6, .5, 1.4 etc then multiply the number by 15 then there is a scaled downed number.

Mike King: Commented that if total points available were to equal 100 this would be easier.

Joseph Elgosin: Suggested that at the next meeting prior have a practice session to see what needs to be adjusted.

Joel Godston: Suggested that a sub-committee be created to work out problems and then present to committee.

Mary Deppe: There is no specific timeframe currently outlined; DOT will most likely be looking for input in January.

Glenn English: Commented that the section on economic development is weighted high and it is also a part of number 5. This should be taken out of the text of number 5 and the points available should be 10. Community Support is important and should be worth 10 points.

Mike King: Asked if DOT scored TIP projects?

William Rose: As a formal process no.

Mike King: Asked if DOT has looked at the categories and the weights?

Mary Deppe: No, but can ask DOT to weigh in on it now.

Mike King: Asked William Rose if he would take the scoring back to DOT for comment/input.

**Motion:** Joel Godston made a motion to take Glenn English's suggestion to delete economic resources out of number 5 and to decrease the points to 10. In number 10 increase points to 10. Joel suggested that in number 8 the points be decreased to 5 so the total points equal 100. Glenn English seconded the motion.

Mike King: Commented that number 8 is DOT's second highest priority and most of the funding is going to this. William Rose was asked to comment.

William Rose: Commented that the regional process is an opportunity for the RPC to state to DOT what the regions priorities are.

Joel Godston: Withdrew the changing of points in number 8, but would like number 9 to be decrease to 5 points, Glenn English agrees.

Doug Grant: Commented that documentation is extremely important. The NCC TAC Scoring Criteria does not match with the TIP 2010 sheet on number 10.

Mary Deppe: Agreed to better match the descriptions on the 2 documents.

**Motion:** Joel Godston added to the motion to delete been invited and change participate to participated in number 10. Glenn English agrees.

Motion is as follows:

Number 5 delete economic resources and change value from 15 to 10.

Number 8 leave as is.

Number 9 change value from 10 to 5.

Number 10 delete been invited add participated.

All were in favor none were opposed.

**Motion:** Joe Elgosin made a motion that a sub-committee of 3 be created to review the scoring seconded by Bob Stevenson all were in favor and none were opposed.

Committee Members include Joel, Doug and Ben.

## **NHDOT Updates**

### **TE Update**

William Rose gave Councilor Raymond Burton the opportunity to speak on this.

Councilor Raymond Burton explained that at the last meeting it was voted to put \$77,000 from TE fund to put a new cover on the Flying Yankee that has not moved. He requested that William mention to the Commissioner that this needs to be put out to bid and that Councilor Raymond Burton is not satisfied that it has not been moved.

Brian Schutt is the new District 1 Engineer.

William Rose explained that there is a new way in which the committee approached the selection process. Top projects from the RPC went into tier 1, numbers 10-30 were in tier 2 and in tier 3 there were the remaining eligible projects.

Funded approximately 22 projects with \$6 million, Plymouth and Whitefield were funded in the NCC Region.

William was asked to distribute a list of projects funded.

Councilor Raymond Burton explained that the committee created by legislature to study the future funding of bridges and highways will meet Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00. The Safe Roads Group is having a press conference to discuss future funding also on this day.

Councilor Raymond Burton received a copy of a letter that was written by the Commissioner that was written to the towns of Madison and Jackson. The purpose of the letter was that there are almost 1,000 miles of unmarked roads (shared by state and town) that the state wants to turn over to the towns. Councilor Raymond Burton will vote no on this due to the financial challenge this would be to the towns.

Councilor Raymond Burton inquired about the status of the ten year plan.

Mike King explained that the ten year plan has been passed by both houses. There is an amendment to the ten year plan to do a study of the Franconia Notch Road. The study started as a study of a 4 lane highway and is now only to look at the safety impacts of the road.

Councilor Raymond Burton said that he is starting to hear and receive comments on the Route 16 corridor through Conway, pertaining to its necessity. There is a question about if it is time for DOT to do another study and Ray requested comments from the committee.

Mike King asked Bob Stevenson what he thinks is the general public's feelings are about this? Bob commented the general feeling is to finish the project.

### **I-93 Toll Update**

William Rose stated that the state of NH will not be pursuing this project. The position was that there was not enough room to make it work.

Doug Grant said that he thought it could be done if it was moved north.

Mike King suggested that another letter be sent asking that the toll be reconsidered.

William Rose said he would get back to Mary as to if it is too late to send a letter.

**Motion:** Glenn English made a motion to draft a second letter in support of the project this was seconded by Charles Muller, Mike King comment that the letter be sent to the commissioner, all were in favor no one was opposed.

#### Safe Routes to School Update

William Rose said that DOT is working on another funding round unknown when the opening will be.

Glenn English asked Councilor Raymond Burton if highways and bridges the bridge program was being looked at considering it is so far behind?

Councilor Raymond Burton commented that the report is due in November of this year.

#### Other Updates

##### Transit Update

Bev Raymond explained that the Carroll County project is moving ahead slowly, the vehicles are being delayed at manufacturing. Start up has been changed to September.

The volunteer driver program has started; Mike King asked how these programs are marketed? Via web-site, travel trainers, looking at putting maps together.

Carroll County Transit had put out an RFP for an operator for the public routes. Three buses will leave West Ossipee with one going to Wolfeboro, another to Intervale and the third to Meredith in Belknap County. The bid was protested so a new review committee will review the bids and make a decision by early August.

The \$24,000 matching funds from TANF for the Tri Town system was left in the DHHS budget for 2011.

##### North Country RideShare Update

Michelle Moren explained that North Country RideShare recently had the first committee meeting where the logo was decided on. Initial contact to large employers has been made, and currently we are waiting for NH RideShare contract on instant computer match system to be approved by state and G&C. Once this is approved we will move forward with the program.

##### RCC Update

Mary Deppe explained that NCC recently received funding and working on a contract with DOT to develop the Carroll County RCC in a joint application with Lakes Region Planning. The first year of NCC's 2-year UPWP contract with DOT ends at the end of June. NCC will review project tasks and see what workload will look like for the next year. At that time we will decide if developing the Carroll County RCC will be done in house or hire a mobility manager.

Grafton-Coos RCC is working on developing on a provider directory for the region (draft 8).

Glenn English asked if the SCC fully funded by the state?

Bev Raymond said there is no funding and are meeting as a volunteer group.

**Other Business**

Dick Hamilton wanted Mary to mention that the Old Man Legacy Fund will be breaking ground on Thursday Jun 24 at 11:00AM.

Beverly Raymond said that she has been asked by the City of Berlin to represent them on the TAC.

Councilor Raymond Burton said that the Fryeburg airport has set annual meeting for August 20<sup>th</sup> this will also be the date he is doing his annual small airport tour.

**Motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 by Glenn English and seconded by Joseph Elgosin all were in favor and none were opposed.

Minutes Written by: Michelle Moren 06/29/2010

Minutes Submitted by: Mary Deppe 8/11/2010

Minutes Approved 8/11/2010