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

June 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

# **Attendees:**

Dick Jones, Lyme Mike Lavalla, Lebanon Dean Eastman, NHDOT Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

# Introduction/Call to Order:

TAC Vice-Chairman Dick Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

# **Election of TAC Officers:**

This item was tabled to the TAC's next meeting.

### **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

Dick Jones moved to approve the February 14th, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as submitted. Mike Lavalla seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Mike Lavalla abstaining.

### 2013-2022 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan Update:

Nate Miller reported that Governor Lynch has signed the 2013-2022 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan into law. The state legislature made a series of changes during their review process, including:

- Requiring legislative approval for capital and operating budgets related to passenger rail service prior to any expenditures;
- Removing the Commissioner of Transportation as a voting member of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (the Commissioner will instead serve in a non-voting role);
- Placing previously deferred portions of the I-93 widening project back on to the Ten-Year Plan;

Nate Miller distributed a summary of 2013-2022 Ten-Year Plan projects within the region (attached to these minutes), noting that every project in the UVLSRPC region was delayed from its original timeline in the 2011-2020 Ten-Year Plan. The only project in the region that was ultimately deferred from the Ten-Year Plan was the Reconstruction of Main Street (NH Route 114) in New London.

### Safe Routes to School Application Review- Town of Canaan:

Nate Miller noted that this item was a continuation from a previous TAC meeting. During the review of the Town of Canaan Safe Routes to School Travel Plan application, the TAC requested the following items:

- A map showing a two-mile radius around the Canaan Elementary School;
- Minutes from the Canaan Selectboard where authority was given to apply for SRTS funding;
- Copies of any pertinent sections of the Canaan Master Plan that relate to the SRTS effort;
- Initial list of infrastructure concerns around the Canaan Elementary School (not prioritized).

Nate Miller distributed copies of each item for TAC members to review. The TAC scored the Town of Canaan's application under the 50-point scoring system for SRTS Travel Plan projects.

Scoring Criteria	Maximum Points	Town of Canaan
Inclusive SRTS Task Force	10	8
Evaluation	10	8
Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement	10	9
Quality of Budget	10	8
Potential Infrastructure Projects	10	8
Total	50	41

Dick Jones moved that the TAC score the Town of Canaan's application as 41 out of 50, and recommend to the NHDOT that the application be funded. Mike Lavalla seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **NH State Rail Plan- Potential Endorsement:**

This item was tabled to the TAC's next meeting.

# **Project Updates:**

- Nate Miller distributed a copy of UVLSRPC's 2012 Traffic Counting Program for TAC members to review. UVLSRPC will conduct traffic counts at 113 locations this year.
- Nate Miller reported that the Town of Hanover has been awarded \$294,000 to implement transit-related capital improvements in front of the Hanover Inn/Hopkins Center on Wheelock Street.
- Nate Miller reported that a Road Safety Audit of U.S. Route 4 between Maple/Main Street in Enfield and the Enfield/Lebanon Town Line is scheduled for July 12, 2012.
- Nate Miller provided an overview of the recommendations of the Road Safety Audit of NH Route 11/103 (Washington Street) between Winter Street and Dane Avenue in Claremont. Recommendations include: 1) Extending medians and consolidating curbcuts at the intersection of Washington/Bowen Street; and 2) Developing a corridor-wide Access Management Plan.

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

UVLSRPC Ten-Year Plan Project Summary
Prepared for UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee- June 12, 2012

EXISTING TEN-YEAR PLAN PROJECTS THAT HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY ADVANCED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION						
Priority	Community	Project	2011-2020 TYP Construction Year	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Approved by Legislature)	Notes	
N/A		Reconstruction/Safety Improvements at Draper's Corners (Maple Ave, Pleasant St, Charlestown Rd)	2011	Complete by 2013	Direct congressional appropriation, design complete, construction pending.	
N/A		Bridge Replacement on Main Street over Mascoma Lake (Shaker Bridge)	2011-2012	Complete by 2013	Construction in progress, scheduled for completion in Summer/Fall 2012.	
N/A	Enfield	Improvements to Rail Trail Crossing	2011	Complete by 2013	Project separated from Shaker Bridge replacement work, under design.	
N/A		Reconstruction of Interstate Bridges at I-89 Exit 20, Including Approaches on NH 12A	2010-2012	Complete by 2013	Construction in progress, partially funded by ARRA, scheduled for completion in Summer/Fall 2012.	
N/A		Replace Bridge over Connecticut River (U.S. Route 4)	2011-2012	2013-2014	State Redlist Bridge Priority #3, bridge closed, temporary bridge installed, design complete.	
N/A	Claremont	North Street Intersection Relocation	2012	2012-2013	Direct congressional appropriation, design work in progress.	
		EXISTING	PROJECT PRIORITIES (NO	2013-2022 TYP Construction		
Priority	Community	Project	2011-2020 TYP Construction Year	Year (Approved by Legislature)	Notes	
#1	Walpole- Charlestown	Reconstruction/Safety Improvements NH Route 12 from NH Route 12A in South Charlestown to Main Street in North Walpole	2013-2015	2015-2017	Implementation of preferred alternative from CSS Task Force, final design underway.	
#2	Lebanon	Bridge Replacement over Mascoma River (U.S. Route 4) and Improvements to Intersection of U.S. Route 4/NH Route 4A	2013-2014	2014-2015	Design complete, State Redlist Bridge Priority #9.	
#3		Reconstruction of Mechanic Street from High Street to I-89 Ramps, Install Sidewalks, Upgrade Storm Drainage	2013-2014	2016	Coordination with EPA-mandated CSO project in question with TYP construction delay to 2016.	
		Rehabilitate Bridge over Connecticut River (East	2016	2017	State Redlist Bridge Priority #75, CSS design process recommended.	
#5	•	Replace Bridge over Bowers Brook (NH 123A)	2018	2020	State Redlist Bridge Priority #12, October 2005 flood damage	
		Reconstruction of Main Street (NH Route 114) from Crockett's Corner (NH 11) to Homan's Corner	2019	DEFERRED	Deferred beyond 2022 in 2013-2022 Ten-Year Plan.	
#6	New London	(Newport Road)  EXISTI	NG PROJECT PRIORITIES (I		Pian.	
			2011-2020 TYP Construction	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Approved by		
Priority	Community Lebanon-	Project  Rehabilitation of Bridges over Connecticut River (I-	Year	Legislature)	Notes	
#1		89)	2017-2018	2018-2019	State Redlist Bridge Priorities #49 and #50	
#2	Lebanon	Interstate Rehabilitation (I-89) from Exit 15 to Exit 17, Includes Bridges #156/117 and #115/117 Interstate Rehabilitation (I-89) from Exit 17 to Just	2012-2013	2013	State Redlist Bridge Priorities #39, #40, #67, and #68.	
#3	Lebanon	South of Exit 20 , Includes Bridges #158/114, #159/114, #093/109, and #094/108	2014-2015	2019-2020	State Redlist Bridge Priorities #41 and #42	
#4		Interstate Rehabilitation from Exit 10 to Exit 11 (I-89)	2015	2017-2018	Approx. 4.0 miles of Interstate Rehabilitation	
		EXISTING PROJEC	T PRIORITIES (TRANSPORT	7ATION ENHANCEMENT) 2013-2022 TYP Construction		
Priority	Community	Project	2011-2020 TYP Construction Year	Year (Approved by Legislature)	Notes  Municipally-managed, partially funded by Town of	
#1	New London	Elkins Village Improvements	2013	2014	New London, design pending.  Municipally-managed, partially funded by Town of Municipally-managed, partially funded by City of	
#2 Lebanon Meriden Road Bicycle Pedestrian Improvements 2012 2013 Lebanon, design pending.  UNFUNDED NEEDS						
Priority	Community	Project	Estimated Cost	2013-2022 TYP Construction Year (Approved by Legislature)	Notes	
		Add Shoulders, Improve Horizontal Curves, Remove Clear Zone Obstructions along U.S.			1.5-mile long segment with steep grade changes, blind horizontal curves, obstructions in the clear	
#1		Route 4 from Maple/Main Street to the Lebanon City Line (Approx. 1.5 Miles)	\$5,500,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	zone, and lack of adequate shoulders. Substantial accident history.	
#2	Newport- Goshen-	Reconstruct/Rehabilitate NH Route 10 from Newport to the Marlow Town Line (15 Miles), Improve Safety at Key Intersections Including NH Route 10/NH Route 31	\$15,000,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	The 15-mile segment was previously programmed in the Ten-Year Plan. Will require areas of full-depth reconstruction. Safety issues at key intersections, including NH Route 10/NH Route 31. This project lends itself to phasing.	
#3		Rehabilitate and Improve Sidewalks on Lower Main Street (NH Route 12) from Opera House Square to Esersky's Bridge	\$2,000,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Project has direct Congressional Appropriation of \$487,000. Potential State Aid Highway-eligible project. City of Claremont's top priority.	
#4		Rehabilitate and Improve Sidewalks on Charlestown Road (NH Route 12) from Draper's Corners to Urban Compact Boundary	\$4,800,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	Heavily-traveled freight corridor and entrance gateway to the City of Claremont. Proposed improvements include rehabilitation of the road and construction of new ADA-accessible sidewalks.	
#5	Springfield- New London	Reconstruct/Rehabilitate NH Route 114 from NH Route 10 in Grantham to Homan's Corner in New London (Approx. 12.3 Miles)	\$15,000,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	The 12.3-mile segment of NH Route 114 in Grantham, Springfield, and New London will require areas of full-depth reconstruction. This project lends itself to phasing.	
T-#6	Charlestown	Reconstruct/Rehabilitate NH Route 12 from NH Route 12A in South Charlestown to Almar Street (Approx 2.0 Miles)	\$7,500,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	The 2.0-mile segment of NH Route 12 will require roadway rehabilitation, improved shoulders and guardrail.	
T-#6	Claremont	Rehabilitate and Improve Sidewalks on Main Street (NH Route 12) from Esersky's Bridge to Citizens Street		Not in Ten-Year Plan	Project should be constructed only after the rehabilitation of Lower Main Street (Priority #3) is completed.	
#8		Improve Horizontal Curves, Install Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane on Greensboro Rd. from Great Hollow Rd. to NH Route 120	\$3,850,000	Not in Ten-Year Plan	TAC recommends that the town phase the project and apply for Transportation Enhancement funding in a future round.	