

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

February 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes  
UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

**Attendees:**

Van Chesnut, Chair  
Dick Jones, Lyme  
Mike Lavalla, Lebanon  
Richard Lee, New London  
Dave Edkins, Charlestown  
Dean Eastman, NHDOT  
Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

**Acceptance of December 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

Following introductions, Dave Edkins moved that the minutes of December 13<sup>th</sup> be accepted as submitted. Dick Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Safe Routes to School Application Review- Town of Canaan**

Nate Miller provided an overview of the Town of Canaan's application for Safe Routes to School Travel Plan funding.

Dick Jones advised that he would like to see supplemental information provided before the TAC scores the application according to the NHDOT's 50-point scoring system. Dave Edkins concurred with this sentiment. Following discussion, the TAC requested the following supplemental information:

- 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).

Dave Edkins moved that the TAC table consideration of the Canaan SRTS Travel Plan application until the requested supplemental information is provided. Richard Lee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Federal Transportation Reauthorization Update**

Nate Miller distributed summaries of the two competing transportation reauthorization bills currently being debated in Congress. The bills (known as MAP-21 in the Senate and the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs act of 2012 in the House of Representatives) both propose to consolidate existing transportation programs. The MAP-21 proposal has bipartisan support and is expected to pass the Senate. The American Energy and

Infrastructure Jobs act of 2012 is reportedly not a bi-partisan proposal, and approximately 300 amendments to the bill have been proposed. The chambers are debating both the length of the competing bills, the revenue sources used to fund the transportation system, and the extent to which energy-related infrastructure (particularly the proposed "Keystone" pipeline) will be included in the final legislation.

### **Project Updates**

Nate Miller presented conceptual drawings of the proposed transit stop improvements on Wheelock Street in Hanover (in front of the Hanover Inn/Hopkins Center). To date, \$294,000 has been secured to construct the improvements. UVLSRPC is assisting the Town of Hanover in developing a FTA Bus Livability grant proposal for an additional \$225,000 to complete the project.

Nate Miller reported that NHDOT has approved UVLSRPC's request for a Road Safety Audit of the intersection of U.S. Route 4/Maple/Main Street in Enfield.

Nate Miller reported that the NHDOT has released the draft Road Safety Audit report for Washington Street (NH 11/103) in Claremont. The report recommends median extensions in the vicinity of Washington/Bowen Street, and that a corridor-wide Access Management Plan be developed. The improvements at Washington/Bowen Street are eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding.

Nate Miller reported that the towns of Charlestown, Croydon, and Canaan have been identified for the next phase of High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) safety signage improvements.

### **Updates from TAC Members**

Dean Eastman mentioned that the NHDOT would soon begin holding training sessions related to the new Local Public Agency Manual for the Development of Projects. Dean Eastman advised that municipalities managing federally-funded projects will be required to participate in this training.

### **Other Business**

Nate Miller announced that the TAC would be hosting a presentation on the draft State Rail Plan on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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