

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

October 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

UVLSRPC Offices- Lebanon, NH

## **Attendees:**

Van Chesnut, Chair, Advance Transit  
Mike Lavalla, Lebanon  
Dick Jones, Lyme  
Clint Bean, Grantham  
Nate Miller, UVLSRPC

TAC Chairman Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Dick Jones moved that the minutes of August 12, 2014 be approved as submitted. Mike Lavalla seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Review TAP Evaluation Criteria and Regional Weighting:**

TAC members reviewed the 10 TAP criteria and weighting developed by the Statewide Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Advisory Committee. Nate Miller advised that the weightings can be revised by the TAC as necessary to reflect the region's unique needs. TAC members made the following amendments to the criteria weighting:

- Improve Safety Conditions (Safety Category)- Increased from 40% to 60%;
- Stress Analysis (Safety Category)- Decreased from 60% to 40%;
- Feasibility (Potential for Success Category)- Increased from 19% to 30%;
- Financial Readiness (Potential for Success Category)- Decreased from 47% to 40%;
- Project Readiness/Support (Potential for Success Category)- Decreased from 34% to 30%;
- Economic/Tourism Benefits (Socioeconomic Benefits Category)- Increased from 17% to 40%;
- Equity (Socioeconomic Benefits Category)- Decreased from 83% to 60%.

## **Appointment of TAC Scoring Subcommittee:**

Nate Miller asked if the TAC wished to evaluate projects by appointing a TAC Scoring Subcommittee, which has been done in past grant rounds. TAC members indicated that this approach works well. Clint Bean moved that Dick Jones of Lyme and Mike Lavalla of Lebanon be appointed to the TAC Scoring Subcommittee to evaluate TAP projects. Van Chesnut seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Overview of TAP Applications:**

Nate Miller provided a summary of each of the region's three TAP applications. The Town of Hanover is proposing a project that would include 1,500 feet of 5' sidewalk and 1,800 feet of 10' wide multi-use path on the west side of NH Route 120 between Storrs and Greensboro Roads. TAC members noted that Hanover's proposed project does present some construction challenges, including approximately 450' of retaining walls.

The City of Claremont is proposing a project that has two parts: 1) Sidewalk upgrades on East Street; and 2) Improvements to the Sugar River (Bobby Woodman) Rail Trail between Pleasant Street and

Broad Street. The project would include crossing upgrades at the Rail Trail's mid-block crossings with Broad and Chesnut Street by upgrading to Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons.

The Town of Enfield is proposing to improve sidewalk connectivity on Main Street and extend its sidewalk network to the east on U.S. Route 4. As this project is part of a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, the project matching funds would be provided by the town's TIF revenues.

**Adjournment:**

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

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