

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee

MEETING Minutes

March 16th, 2021

4:00-5:30 PM

Remote Meeting via ZOOM

Members Present: Van Chesnut (Advance Transit), Dick Jones (Lyme), Teri Palmer (Sullivan County Transportation), Christina Hall (Lebanon), Peter Kulbacki (Hanover), Patricia Higgins (UVLSRPC Commissioner), Liz Emerson (Charlestown)

Partners Present: William Rose (NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance), Chris Turgeon (NHDOT District II)

Staff Present: Alex Belenz

I. Call to Order

Chair Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Roll call attendance was taken. Alex Belenz noted that the meeting was being held under the emergency meeting provisions of RSA 91-a due to the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the Governor's emergency order.

II. Action on Minutes from January 12th, 2021

Dick Jones moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Peter Kulbacki seconded the motion. Unanimously approved via roll-call vote with Hall and Emerson abstaining.

III. Finalization of FY 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan Project Rankings

Alex Belenz presented a memorandum summarizing the Ten-Year Plan project ranking process to-date, including the initial TAC rankings from fall 2020 and the results of NHDOT's review of projects. The initial TAC ranking was as follows:

Priority	Project Location and Description	TAC Score (out of 100)
1	Claremont – Main St Phase I. Roadway reconstruction, stormwater improvements, and new multi-use path along NH 103/12/Main St between Citizens St and Westside Ave.	65.4
2	Claremont – Main St Phase II. Roadway reconstruction, stormwater improvements, streetscape/sidewalk improvements along NH 103/12/Main St between Westside Ave and Elm St.	56.8
3	Canaan – Intersection/safety improvements along US Route 4 from Potato Rd to Roberts Rd.	43.9
4	Canaan – Upgrade two dilapidated bridge trestles on the Northern Rail Trail to address poor condition and improve flood resiliency in Canaan Village.	34.7

Based on NHDOT's review, there were no proposed or needed changes to project scopes. With UVLSRPC's regional federal aid allocation of \$3.77 million, under the current rankings Claremont Main Street Phase I would be eligible for funding with all other projects remaining unfunded.

Dick Jones moved to approve the regional Ten-Year Plan project rankings with Claremont Main Street Phase I being prioritized for funding and inclusion in the FY 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan. Seconded by Liz Emersion. Unanimously approved via roll-call vote.

IV. Regional Corridor Transportation Plan Update

Alex Belenz provided a brief update on the *Regional Corridor Transportation Plan*. UVLSRPC has progressed through their public outreach schedule and additional outreach will be performed in the spring and summer. The draft NH Route 12A chapter has been released for public comment and the NH Route 4A chapter will be released this spring. Summer 2021 is the anticipated completion time. Dick Jones asked about the project ranking tiers. Alex noted that projects are assigned to tiers using a combination of project priority, feasibility, and readiness. The goal is to have many "Tier I" projects developed in the future that can compete for various funding sources and bring more funding into the region.

V. Updates from Members

Van Chesnut, Advance Transit: Advance Transit submitted their application for FTA 5311 program funding, seeking funds for current service operations as well as two expansions: 1) a 3rd bus on the Red Route, and 2) reducing from 30-minute to 15-minute service headways on the Blue Route.

Teri Palmer, Sullivan County Transportation: Also submitted FTA 5311 program application, which would include funding for the both Claremont-Lebanon bus along NH 120 and the Interstate 89 bus from Newport to Lebanon. SCT's new facility in Newport is moving forward. SCT has also reinstated fares.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. Adjourn

Dick Jones moved to adjourn and Peter Kulbacki seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.