

# Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee

MEETING Minutes

**July 14th, 2022**

4:00-5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting via ZOOM

Kilton Public Library

80 Main St, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Members Present: Van Chesnut (Advance Transit), Dick Jones (Lyme), deForest Bearse (Claremont, Remote), Jeremy Clay (Hanover), Liz Emerson (Charlestown), Candy Reed (Sullivan County Transit, Remote)

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

UVLSRPC Staff Present: Meghan Butts, Andrea Cass

## **I. Call to Order**

Chair Van Chesnut called the meeting to order at 4:00PM. Roll Call.

## **II. Action on Minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously via motion from Jones/Emerson.

## **III. FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Plan Process Overview - [Presentation Link](#).**

UVLSRPC Staff presented an update on the Ten-Year Plan process where they highlighted the projected timeline and TAC participation.

- a. Staff provided an update on the Engineering RFQ process. UVLSRPC is currently in contract negotiations with Beta Group, Inc.
- b. Staff presented the projects submitted in the LOI process.
  - o PROJECTS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH THE END OF JULY
- c. Staff discussed criteria weighting for project scoring criteria. After a brief overview, Emerson made the motion to approve the TAC criteria weighting as presented. Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. Regional Corridor Transportation Plan – Implementation Update**

Staff provided an update on the *Corridor Plan*. Staff are reviewing Tier I projects for eligibility for potential funding. Staff are moving through Tier II projects to identify areas where UVLSRPC staff can provide technical assistance.

## **V. Updates from Members**

Liz Emerson, Charlestown:

- Route 12 is now open to traffic with a temporary solution. Engineering on a permanent solution is scheduled for 2024.
- Town is in discussion with FEMA regarding funding to alleviate the cost burden of road washouts last year.

Van Chesnut, Advance Transit:

- Van introduced Adams Carroll that will be the new Executive Director of AT.
- AT will be updating the Transit Development Plan
- AT has been involved in many discussions throughout the region regarding development and AT access

Jeremy Clay, Hanover

- The bridge on Bean Road is almost completed and the bridge on River Road is scheduled to start soon.
- Town is down about 33% of staff in Public Works and has shifted focus on maintenance and no new projects this summer.
- Dartmouth College is planning a housing development on Lyme Road that will have an access at the roundabout with Reservoir Rd. Improvements to the roundabout will be needed.

William Rose, NHDOT:

- Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance staff have been working on the 2025-2034 Ten-Year Plan kickoff process
- The Department is working with the 9 Regional Planning Commissions on Mid -Contract reviews regard the UPWP.
- Department staff is working through the various discretionary grant programs available and providing assistance when needed.

Chris Turgeon, NHDOT:

- The Exit 18/Route 120 project is still moving forward as alternative improvement options are being presented and discussed
- District II paving operations are underway

Meghan Butts, UVLSRPC

- Meghan provided an update on UVLSRPC staffing. Meghan is the current transportation contact while new staff are trained.

## **VI. Other Business**

- Andrea provided details about EPA's Clean Bus program. There are 5 prioritized school districts in the region that would receive larger rebates if awarded. Over the next 5 fiscal years, there will be \$5 Billion available for

school districts. Members discussed ownership models and charging infrastructure as well.

- Election of officers to be added to August/September meeting.

**VII. Adjourn**

*Dick Jones moved to adjourn and Liz Emerson seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.*

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