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**Salem-Plaistow-Windham
Public Hearing and MPO Policy Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, February 12, 2002
Kingston Town Hall

Members Present: Dick Sunday, Chair, and Bill Scott, Salem; Glenn Coppelman, Kingston; Becky Ohler, NHDES; and Steven Dubois, NHDOT.

Staff Present: Dave Walker, Scott Bogle, and Roxanne Rines, RPC.

Proxy Vote: Marilyn Senter, Plaistow and Mary Allen, Newton.

7:17 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

A. Public Hearing 2001-2003 TIP Amendment #6

Walker stated the changes consisted of minor amendments, basically changes in cost or slight changes in project construction dates. These require MPO approval, but they do not require a 30-day public notice. He briefly explained the projects and stated most projects were delayed a year, there are no projects being added in this MPO.

Walker stated that the contract has been finalized for Route 125 (Plaistow/Kingston), the Advisory Task Force has begun to meet. The construction phase has not been delayed.

Sunday asked if the entire 111/Shadow Lake Bypass program has been delayed a year? **Walker** stated he doesn't know that construction will be shifted a year, construction money is listed for 2004 and 2006.

Sunday stated he was looking for the map of Route 111/Shadow Lake Bypass that shows the road design. **Dubois** stated he could get a copy to Walker and Sunday. **Walker** continued that the TAC Committee approved the TIP in November of 2001.

7:22 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

7:22 p.m. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OPENED

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what municipality they were from or the agency they represented.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2001

The October minutes had Bill Scott's name as Bill Elliott and Dick Sunday as Vice-Chair, he's Vice-Chair of the RPC and Chairman of the MPO.

Motion: Coppelman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ohler seconded the motion.
Motion carried with abstentions.

3. 2001-2003 TIP Amendment #6

Motion: Coppelman made a motion to approve TIP Amendment #6 pending quorum calls. Sunday seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DOT and DES abstaining.**

4. NH 125 Plaistow-Kingston Project Update

Walker stated that VHB has signed a contract and the design work is underway. The Advisory Task Force has begun, there are three members from Kingston and Plaistow; as well as, Glenn Greenwood and himself. They are working on the options and this work should take about twelve to 18 months.

Dubois stated he has a project update from Chris Waszczuk and the Hunt Road/Newton Junction has been accelerated in design schedule, there will be separate public hearings in each town. Possible construction date of late 2003, early 2004 and wetland mapping is nearly completed.

5. MPO Long Range Plan Update

Bogle distributed handouts of a revised timeline for the Long Range process, draft survey, and a flyer about the two visioning sessions. He reviewed the timeline for completion of the Long Range Plan. The SPW sessions are March 19, at the Salem Town Hall and March 20, at the Plaistow Public Library. Bogle gave an overview of the visioning sessions in the Seacoast region.

Bogle stated the idea was to hand out surveys at an MPO at the mall day, but the malls are very restrictive and it isn't possible. He asked the Department of Safety to provide the RPC with a random address list from the DMV database for a mailing; however, this hasn't been successful, even though it is authorized by state law. The idea now is to have a web based survey sent to random households with a password on a postcard. There was discussion about having paper copies available at town halls on voting day.

Coppelman asked if there is an option for people who want to request a hard copy? Bogle stated the option will be included. Scott stated he has purchased and used a phone cd which worked well and has many sorting capabilities.

Sunday stated question #6 talks about expanded rail service, but doesn't mention bus service that is available. He continued he would like to know what type of public transit people are interested in using.

Scott asked how citizens would know any of the four answers concerning funding and what is the objective of them? Bogle stated hopefully, by completing the survey it will have some educational value. The results will be in a press release when they are complete.

Members discussed several ideas and changes to the survey questions.

6. Access Management Memorandum of Understanding

Walker stated that Cliff Sinnott drafted the memorandum of understanding and that DOT was currently reviewing the document. When implemented this will help increase communications between DOT and municipalities.

7. Project Updates - Informational

A handout was distributed for members to review.

8. Other Business/Adjourn

Motion: **Coppelman** made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. **Ohler** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines, Recording Secretary