



## **SEPTEMBER 28, 2001 TAC AGENDA**

**9:30 AM**

**Atkinson Town Hall  
21 Academy Avenue  
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Staff has developed a new look for the agenda to both make them more interesting as well as provide the TAC with more information than previously about what will be discussed.

### **1) INTRODUCTIONS**

### **2) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**3) MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 3<sup>rd</sup> TAC meeting are attached (**ATTACHMENT 1**) **Motion Required.**

**4) TAC MEETING SCHEDULE – ATTACHMENT 2** details the TAC meeting schedule for the next year. This schedule was discussed and decided upon at the last two meetings as a way to better inform the SPW communities of the TAC meetings. Staff is also making the effort to get the agendas to the committee members well ahead of time to facilitate this as well.

**5) CMAQ PROJECT PROPOSAL EVALUATION –** Several CMAQ projects have been submitted to the MPO for evaluation and ranking. Staff has not had the opportunity to evaluate these projects and so few details are included in this mailing. The committee will need to evaluate and rank the CMAQ projects at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. A total of 5 applications for CMAQ projects have been received; 2 from the NH DOT, 2 from NH DES, and one from the Town of Salem. Final ranking of these projects will be done by the MPO Policy Committee at a meeting on October 10, 2001.

Projects will then be forwarded to the DOT and evaluated by the Statewide CMAQ committee for final ranking and funding approved for as many projects as funding will allow. **Motion Required.**

**6) GACIT HEARINGS -** GACIT hearings have been scheduled, and there are two in the Salem-Plaistow-Windham region. The first will be in Salem on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Salem High School, and the second will be in Plaistow on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at the library. Both meetings will be at 7:00 PM and the public is encouraged to attend and speak on behalf of (or against) projects. After hearings and deliberation, GACIT submits the Ten Year Plan to the Governor, who then submits it to the Legislature. Once approved by the Legislature the document comes back to the MPO for final approval next summer. **ATTACHMENT 3** is a summary of the SPW Portion of that Plan. The TAC should discuss the projects on this list and determine if a position should be taken by the MPO on any of the projects included or omitted. **Motion Required.**

**7) RATIS & ITS –** At the last TAC meeting, a brief discussion was held regarding the Rural Advanced Traveler Information Systems (RATIS) conference that had occurred earlier in the summer. In particular, the committee members were interested in how ITS might be applied to the upcoming Interstate 93 improvements. In response to that, staff invited **SUBRAMANIAN SHARMA** from the

NH DOT has been invited to come discuss RATS and Intelligent Transportation Systems with the committee.

**8) LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE** - On August 15<sup>th</sup>, the MPO Policy Committee adopted the 1999-2020 Long Range Transportation Plan [August, 2001] update, and the document has been forwarded to the NH DOT, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. As this is an interim document, staff is beginning preparations for the full update that has been discussed. That document will need to be completed during the summer of 2002 along with the adoption of the 2003-2005 Transportation Improvement Program. At the next meeting of the TAC, a

more complete discussion of the details and timeline of this effort will be discussed.

**9) PROJECT UPDATES: INFORMATIONAL** – Interstate 93 Expansion Project, Portland to Boston Rail, SPW MPO Website (<http://www.rpc-nh.org/spw>), NH 125 Epping Meetings, Others topics?

**12) MEETING ADJOURN: MOTION REQUIRED**

Location of Atkinson Town Hall

