



**SALEM-PLAISTOW-WINDHAM
TAC Committee Meeting
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Hampstead Town Hall
Friday, January 16, 2004

Members Present: Marilyn Senter, Acting Chair, Plaistow; Tom Case, Windham; Richard Hartung, Hampstead; Becky Ohler, DES; and Bob Lyford, DOT.

Others Present: Tony Komornick, MVPC.

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

Meeting opened at 9:32 a.m.

I. Introductions

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

2. Communications

Walker stated the SPW Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th, at the Hampstead town hall with a public hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. He asked that members send their proxies if they can't attend.

3. Approval of September 26, 2003, minutes.

Motion: **Ohler** made a motion to accept the minutes of September 26, 2003, as written. **Case** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

4. 2003-2005 STIP Amendment #7

Walker reviewed the amendments, it contains three minor and 3 full amendments. The minor amendment are: add signage to rest areas (delayed); signal coordination on Pelham Road in Salem (delayed); and the Shadow Lake Bypass (right-of-way funds have been carried over).

He reviewed the full amendments: additional electronic toll collection capabilities (delayed, cost increase and the funding is being switched from turnpike money to CMAQ dollars); Interstate crackseal project (being absorbed into another resurfacing program); and signal upgrade improvements on Route 111 in Windham (moving ahead one year).

Walker stated the projects have no impacts on air quality and DOT maintains that fiscal constraints will not be impacted.

Senter asked how the bonding of I-93 was coming along? **Bogle** stated he spoke with Senator Chuck Morse, who indicated that the house bill (HB 835) was likely to be tabled. However, there is a revised version in the Senate (SB 413), which Morse thinks has a good chance of passing. **Senter** asked that the members continue receiving updates.

Motion: **Case** made a motion to approve the 2003-2005 STIP Amendment #7 and forward to the Policy Committee for approval. **Senter** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DES and DOT abstaining.**

5. Preliminary Journey to Work Data Tables from 2000 Census

Bogle reviewed the data from the Census and members discussed the information. Discussion ensued about the Plaistow station.

6. Project Updates

Walker stated as of the December 4th, 2003, copy of the Ten-Year Plan, a large chunk of the Kingston/Plaistow 125 project is included in the plan. The construction is still spread out amongst five years, but this is a better position to be in, the start date is scheduled for 2006.

Hartung asked about the installation of traffic lights at East Road and Route 111? **Walker** stated he has no information on that project.

Walker stated the transportation model is close to completion, staff gave a presentation to DOT on Thursday. In the spring, staff will give a presentation to the TAC committee members.

Bogle stated the Greater Derry/Salem project has received a \$90,000 grant from the Endowment for Health for a first year of the pilot transit brokerage project. A second and third year of funding is likely. These funds will need to be matched with FTA fund, but we must first designate a recipient for FTA funds. Each of the transit agencies in the region (Nashua, Manchester, MVRTA) have been approached about taking the role. Nashua and Manchester are not interested, and there are municipal concerns about loss of control should MVRTA take on the role.

Plan A at this point is to establish a regional agency by an act of the Legislature. The deadline for introducing new bills in this legislative session has passed. Two legislators are trying to identify a bill that could be amended with language establishing the agency. **Ohler** stated Senators can introduce bills at any time.

Bogle continued that if a bill is not able to be passed this session, Plan B is for a municipality to take on the recipient role for one year. The town of Salem has expressed a willingness to take on the role.

Komornick stated the first draft of the Route 125 study is complete. Both communities will hold a meeting later this month to discuss the recommendations of the study.

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7. Discussion of Next Meeting

Walker asked members in attendance if there would be a problem with moving the regular TAC meeting schedule to the second Friday of the month, starting with March 12th, 2004. Hearing no objections, TAC meetings will now be held the second Friday of every other month, beginning in March.

Ohler stated she and Alaina Bailey are reviewing the air quality analysis they have received. DES is having success with the school bus anti-idling outreach, total participation has reached 65%. There is an idling outreach project being promoted to private fleets. A big victory is that NH DOT has adopted an idling reduction policy.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Case made a motion to adjourn at 10:47 p.m. **Ohler** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Motion adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines
Recording Secretary

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