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**SALEM-PLAISTOW-WINDHAM
TAC Committee Meeting
MINUTES**

Plaistow Library
Friday, September 26, 2003

Members Present: Ellen Faulconer, Chair, Kingston; Marilyn Senter, Plaistow; Tom Case, Windham; Bill Scott, Salem; and Becky Ohler, DES.

Others Present: Linda Harvey, Salem.

Staff Present: Dave Walker and Scott Bogle, RPC.

Meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

I. Introductions

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

2. Communications None.

3. Approval of August 22, 2003, minutes.

Motion: **Senter** made a motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2003, as written. **Ohler** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

4. 2003-2004 TE/CMAQ Round

Bogle reviewed the six CMAQ applications that were received in the SPW MPO region. He explained the projects and staff ranking starting with the high score.

- 1 – I-93 Expanded & Enhanced Bus Service: purchase 14 buses, three years operating subsidy, and one-half million dollars in commuter incentive programming. Members discussed the fact that this service has the opportunity to be funded as part of the I-93 project.
- 2 – Downtown Salem TMA & Reverse Commute Bus Service: three years of start-up funding to establish a TMA and three years operating subsidy for reverse commute between Northern MA towns and Salem.
- 3 – Salem-Concord Rail Trail, Salem segment: multi-use path on the Manchester-Lawrence corridor, this would be one segment of the Salem to Concord bike route that DOT did a feasibility study for in the spring. This route goes through the major employment area of downtown.

- 4 – GSCCC Alternative Fuel Vehicles Project: this is a reimbursement program to provide incentives to organizations with fleets to purchase new alternative vehicles or to convert existing vehicles to alternatives vehicles and to install fueling infrastructure.
- 5 – Salem-Concord Rail Trail, Windham Segment: it would be from 111 to the Windham Depot, the entire right-of-way through Windham, 4.1 miles. This would link with the Salem segment of the trail.
- 6 – ITS Initiative, Emissions Inspection and Maintenance I/M Program: this was in round 6, CVISN allows sharing information on vehicle safety inspection among states. Staff feels that this project should be funded from a different pool of money because most of project benefits are in the operational and safety side, not in emissions.

Discussion amongst TAC members continued about the above project ranking.

Motion: **Faulconer** made a motion that the Salem segment of the Salem-Concord Trail and the Downtown Salem TMA project be ranked #1. **Senter** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DES abstaining.**

Motion: **Case** made a motion that the Windham segment of the Salem-Concord Trail be ranked #2. **Faulconer** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DES abstaining.**

Motion: **Senter** made a motion that the GSCCC Alternative Fuel project be ranked #3. **Faulconer** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DES abstaining.**

Motion: **Senter** made a motion that the ITS Initiative be ranked at 0, because the project is not an appropriate CMAQ project, it has minimum air quality benefits. Funding should be sought elsewhere. **Case** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DES abstaining.**

Motion: **Senter** made a motion that the I-93 Bus Service be ranked at 0, because the project should be funded through the I-93 project and not through CMAQ. **Case** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DES abstaining.**

Motion: **Senter** made a motion to send the TAC Committee's recommendations to the Policy Committee for their approval and comments. **Faulconer** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with DES abstaining.**

Motion: **Faulconer** made a motion to postpone the rest of the agenda until the next TAC meeting to be held on Friday, December 12, 2003.

Walker stated members are welcome to share any other comments at the SPW Policy Meeting, to be held October 8, at 5:30 pm, at the Plaistow Town Hall.

Faulconer adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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