

**Rockingham Planning Commission
MPO Commission Meeting**

**September 13, 2017
Plaistow Public Library, Plaistow NH**

Members Present: P. Wilson, Chairman, (North Hampton); M. Turell, R. Clark (Atkinson); A. Davis, S. Hastings (Hampstead); A. Carnaby, M. Edgar, B. Kravitz (Hampton); P. Britz (Portsmouth); J. Foley (Epping); M. Rabideau, D. Hawkins (Seabrook); K. Woolhouse (Exeter); A. Welch, C. McCarthy (Raymond); G. English (Exeter); R. McDermott (Hampton Falls); S. Gerrato (Greenland); C. Cross (Newington); R. Barham (Fremont); L. Cushman (Stratham); J. Kiszka, T. Moore (Plaistow); G. Coppelman (Kingston)

Guests: S. Kravitz (Hampton); E. Strachan (NH Dept Env. Svcs); L. Wilson (No. Hampton Cons. Comm)

Staff: T. Roache (Executive Director); D. Walker (Transp. Program Mgr); S. Bogle (Sr. Transp. Planner); A. Pettengill (Business Manager)

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1. Call to Order-Special MPO Meeting-Policy Committee

Chairman Wilson convened the meeting of the MPO at 7 p.m.; He thanked the Town of Plaistow and Moore for hosting the meeting.

2. Updated Ten Year Plan Project Recommendations, D. Walker & S. Bogle

Walker explained that the public hearing process has begun for the projects that were solicited last winter for inclusion in the 2019-2028 State Ten Year Plan. The weighted scoring process was decided by the TAC and Policy Committees in May. He referred to Table 1 Project Priorities on Attachment 1. He explained that RPC staff met with NH Dept of Transportation on August 15th to discuss the priorities that had been submitted in May and staff and NHDOT discussed adding our region's number one and number two priorities to the Ten Year Plan. Later, NHDOT informed staff that adding both #1 and #2 would be too costly so they were only adding #2. NHDOT suggested the MPO could put forward an alternative package of projects if they wished to. Staff then put together a list of five projects to be recommended for funding from the existing top ten priorities identified in May's submittal to NHDOT. Staff looked closely at including projects that encompassed different scales, varied modes of travel, and that are geographically distributed around our region. They also considered two large projects that are already underway in Hampton as being higher priority for the RPC and the town than the reconfiguration of the NH 101/US 1

interchange. The TAC committee ultimately approved a list of projects that includes priorities #1, #3, #5, #8, and #10 as seen in Scenario 2 of the Attachment. It was an unanimous vote by the TAC to support funding these multiple smaller projects that total \$7.2 million over one large project as suggested by NHDOT for \$7.6 million.

Walker stated that the Policy Committee needs to vote on the TAC recommendation. Discussion followed.

McDermott moved to approve Projects #1, #3, #5, #8 and #10 from Table 1 Prioritized Additions to the State Ten Year Plan and request that NHDOT substitute them for Priority #2 as listed in the Draft Ten Year Plan document; Turell seconded.
SO VOTED.

3. Other/Adjourn: Chairman Wilson adjourned the MPO meeting at 7:15 p.m.