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RPC TAC MEETING

Minutes

February 23, 2017
RPC Conference Room

Members Present: Art Ditto, Chair, Rye; Richard McDermott, Hampton Falls; Robert Clark, Atkinson; Tim Moore and Greg Jones, Plaistow; Steve Gerrato, Greenland; Ken Christiansen, Brentwood; Richard Hartung, Hampstead; Chris Cross, Newington; Chris Jacobs, Hampton; Tavis Austin, Stratham; Joan Whitney, Kensington; Andre Garron, Salem; Leigh Levine, FHWA; Glenn Davison, NHDOT; and Elizabeth Strachan. NHDES.

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

Meeting Opened at 9:02 a.m.

1. Introductions

Walker introduced RPC's new GIS Analyst, Christian Matthews.

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

2. Minutes of January 26, 2017, TAC Meeting

Walker stated that Cherry had corrections to the minutes.

Motion: **Moore** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2017, as corrected. **McDermott** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with two abstentions.**

3. 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #1

Walker stated a 10-day public comment period for the amendment is in progress and will end on March 3, 2017. The Amendment will be voted on at the March 8, 2017, Policy Committee meeting at the Stratham Town Hall.

He continued that the amendment consists of five regional and 3 statewide programs which results in a net increase of \$12.8 million. He then gave a brief explanation of each change. At the same time, the Long Range Transportation Plan is also being updated to maintain consistency between the project lists in the two documents.

Discussion ensued. **Davison** explained the DOT Tier 1-4 roadway designation. **Walker** stated the fiscal constraint of the documents continues to be met with this amendment.

Motion: **Moore** made a motion to recommend approval of the 2017-2020 Amendment #1 by the MPO Policy Committee. **McDermott** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

4. Project Selection Criteria Weighting.

Walker stated project prioritization will generally follow the same process as was utilized during the 2015 iteration of the 10-Year Plan development process. DOT and all MPO's have adopted 9 project solicitation criteria to use for weighting. These were established by the individual agencies and projects will be ranked and added to the last two years of the Ten Year Plan. Each RPC has a budget target of potential funding for the region to work within.

Davison explained that members will evaluate each of the selection criteria against all the others by participating in an interactive "pairwise comparison" exercise using DecisionLens software.

He continued that members will be shown pairs of criteria and asked to decide which is the more important of the two, as well as the magnitude of that importance (slightly or significantly more important), for each pairing.

Davison guided members through the exercise and members shared their reasoning for their choices of importance. After the exercise was completed, Davison reviewed the results.

Walker stated the percentages from today will be used for project criteria weighting of all projects submitted.

Members asked that the scoring sheets be sent to them ahead of the meeting mailing.

5. Project Updates

A handout was distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines
Recording Secretary