

**NCC Transportation Advisory Committee
Littleton Regional Healthcare
Meeting Minutes
November 21st, 2019
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Members Present: Donna Laurent (Jefferson); Doug Grant (Randolph); Raymond Gorman (Colebrook); Paul Robitaille (Gorham); Doug Damko (Littleton); Mark Decoteau (Waterville Valley); Clayton Macdonald (Stratford, Chair)

Others Present: Brian Bresnahan (Congresswoman Kuster); Alex Belenz (NCC)

1. Introductions/Attendance: The meeting began at 3:08 PM. A round of introductions was completed.

2. Approval of 9/12/2020 Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes were approved unanimously via motion of Gorman/Grant.

3. Regular Updates

a. Ten Year Plan. Mr. Belenz described the recommended changes proposed by GACIT for the draft Ten Year Plan. GACIT's recommendations addressed a number of concerns previously identified in the draft TYP, including underfund projects in Jefferson/Randolph and Dummer/Cambridge/Errol.

b. NH Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Mr. Belenz provided an overview of the process so far. Public outreach events were held around the state, including at the Littleton Farmer's Market. The next step will be a review of priority corridors and policy recommendations. The process has been extended from ending in December 2019 to summer 2020.

c. Other NCC updates. NCC has been working with White Mountain National Forest and others on issues of overflow parking and traffic safety across the Forest, including the ongoing efforts in Franconia Notch.

c. Scenic Byways. Mr. Belenz gave an update in Mr. Martland's absence. NCC has been working on maps and a website for scenic byways in the North Country, which will help with tourism promotion. The NCSBC has recently also taken a look at the location and condition of historic marker signs in the region, and if there are signs that are poorly/unsafely located.

d. Updates from Communities. Mr. Robitaille noted that Gorham is working on updating their Master Plan and there is a strong emphasis on becoming a more pedestrian-friendly town. The Town is also looking at ways to connect their downtown to trails on the north side of the Androscoggin River, including potentially looking at new foot bridge. Mr. Decoteau noted that

getting reasonable construction bids for municipal roadwork has become a problem due to corporate consolidation.

4. Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Belenz walked through NCC's progress and next steps on the Regional Transportation Plan. The idea is to have a public-facing plan that uses interactive web materials to improve the accessibility of the information. The Plan will include broader, region-wide issues and goals, as well as transportation-related needs and issues in specific regional highway corridors. The goals of this approach are to 1) support the development and funding of needed projects, and 2) increase knowledge and capacity for communities to perform local transportation planning. Members were supportive of this approach and were pleased with the interactive website.

Mr. Belenz noted that NCC will be doing a survey to support the Regional Transportation Plan, as well as meeting with interested community boards and staff. There were general public outreach events later in the process.

5. Other Business. Mr. Bresnahan read information about the proposed *Invest in America's Railroad Act* introduced by Rep. Pappas and Rep. Kuster. The bill would provide more funding for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (RRIF) and other rail investments. It could help fund projects like the NH Capital Corridor and needed upgrades to modernize rail lines.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Belenz