



NCC Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Gorman (Colebrook), Mark Decoteau (Waterville Valley), Paul Robitaille (Gorham), Robin Irving (Northumberland), Pam LaFlamme (Berlin), Clayton Macdonald (Stratford), Rosalind Page (Lisbon), Doug Damko (Littleton), Carl Martland (Sugar Hill)

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Lamb (NCC) Bill Watson (NH DOT), Linda Dusenberry (NH DOT), Phillip Beaulieu (NH DOT), Chris Turgeon (NH DOT) Chuck Henderson (Shaheen), Brian Bresnahan (Kuster)

1. ATTENDANCE

The meeting began at 1:06pm and the required meeting language was read, followed by a roll call.

2. Transportation Alternatives Program Presentation (TAP)

Ms. Lamb provided an overview of the TAP program, including project eligibility, funding available, number of applications received and their cost statewide and the number of applications and their cost within the region. Next she outlined the process of the TAP program, noting that NCC staff had met to score projects, which resulted in a prioritized list, then this list was being presented to the TAC at this meeting where they would vote to proceed using that list or a version of it.

Ms. Lamb shared the criteria that is used to score TAP projects and suggested the same criteria weights be used as the previous TAP round, but that the members could proposed different weights if they so choose. Several members voiced their approval of using the same weights and a motion was made by Ms. Irving to approve the weights as presented. Mr. Robitaille seconded the motion and a roll call revealed unanimous approval.

Ms. Lamb then presented on each of the projects, highlighting the project's scope, cost, and strengths. *Please see the attached slides for this information.* After all the projects were presented, Ms. Lamb presented the TAC with the preliminary ranking as a result of staff scores:

1. Waterville Valley (9.28)
2. Berlin (9.22)
3. Gorham (8.86)
4. Northumberland (8.08)

Mr. Macdonald asked what considerations were used to determine the criteria “Potential for Success” and Ms. Lamb returned to the criteria weights slide and highlighted the aspects of “Project Readiness”, “Financial Readiness”, and “Feasibility”.

Mr. Robitaille noted that he thought safety scores for Gorham and Northumberland should be higher and highlighted the truck traffic on US2 in Gorham. Ms. Lamb noted that all projects had a safety improvement but that some projects produced a greater improvement in safety, measured using the “Stress Analysis” methodology given by NHDOT.

Ms. Irving noted that match was unfortunately a factor that caused Northumberland’s score to be lower than the others and Ms. Lamb confirmed that.

Ms. Page asked whether the top project or the entire list would be sent to NHDOT for final review. Ms. Lamb replied that all projects are sent to NHDOT and that the prioritization of the list is what is being voted on at the meeting.

Mr. Macdonald made a motion to approve the list as presented and Ms. Irving seconded the motion. A roll call of all members was taken with two members, Mr. Martland and Mr. Damko, abstaining due to missing part of the discussion and presentation.

Mr. Gorman commended all projects and said that all of them are worthy to be funded, then asked about the potential for these projects to be funded by other sources in the future; noting that funding is coming from the Federal level down to states and towns. Ms. Lamb replied that nothing has been confirmed yet, but it is suspected that funding is coming to help fund additional infrastructure projects.

ADJOURN

Ms. Lamb asked if there was anything else members wanted to bring up or if they were content with ending the meeting and the later was chosen. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Lamb