

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Notes of September 6, 2023

Members Present	LRPC Staff
George Tuthill – Alexandria David Kerr – Barnstead Bill Dowey – Bristol Jeff Haines – Center Harbor Seth Creighton – Franklin Meghan Theriault – Gilford Travis Mitchell – Gilmanton Malcolm (Tink) Taylor – Holderness Dari Sassan – Moultonborough Robert Pollock – New Hampton Joe Fagnant – Plymouth Joseph Perez (Alt) – Plymouth (virtual) Bonnie Osler – Sandwich John Gotjen – Tamworth Lloyd Wood – Tuftonboro Tavis Austin – Wolfeboro	Jeff Hayes, Executive Director Sean Chamberlin, Sr. Transportation Planner
	Non-Voting Members
	Bill Watson – NHDOT Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance (virtual) William Rose – NHDOT Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance (virtual) Vanessa Partington – NHDES (virtual) Chris Turgeon – NHDOT District 2 (virtual) Samantha Fifield – NHDOT District 3 (virtual) Cindy Yanski – Mid-State RCC (virtual)
	Guests
	Rod Cameron – Belmont Rick Demark

1. Welcome & Introductions / Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Items of Information

a. Bike/Ped Plan Update

- i. S. Chamberlin provided an update on Bike/Ped Plan. Formatting and organization has been updated to improve readability. Included survey results and 2019 bike ability assessments as well as updating 2023 vision and policies. New chapter on bike and pedestrian studies. More photos and diagrams added to report and more cohesive format to other ongoing reports to improve readability.
- ii. S. Chamberlin (SC) discussed Level of Traffic Stress (LTS). Explained what LTS is and what factors determine it, and what it means to bikes and peds. SC clarified that this plan will include e-bikes.
- iii. Member asks S. Chamberlin about roads have 14-16foot travel lane and bringing fog line in and widening shoulder for bike ped travel. SC clarified graphs to members.
- iv. Discussed findings from 2021 bike/ped survey.
- v. Members discussed issues in trying to get the state to accommodate bicycle infrastructure on state highways that run through their town. Jeff Hayes mentions

from a regional point of view, it would be good to be able to connect towns together with bike routes.

- vi. Bristol would like to get Lake St and Summer St to have bike paths along them.
 - vii. Jeff Hayes brings up NHDOT conducting traffic counting on all paved roads – still on going discussion.
 - viii. SC. Discusses multiple upcoming projects around the Lakes Region. SC discussed Action Plan to Support the Vision. SC informed members that NHDOT statewide bike plan should be released in the next couple of weeks.
 - ix. Member brought up that survey shouldn't just mention weather but also seasons. Member brought up importance of design elements when including too many recreational types of transport in a single path.
- b. Week Without Driving
- i. Week without driving initiative was discussed. Starts October 2-8, 2023. Still able to drive, meant to reflect and be mindful of people that don't have transportation and of the impact of your driving. Discussed some transit options in the area for people with needs.
- c. Mid-State RCC Transit
- i. Cindy Yanski spoke on the new commuter route between Concord and Laconia. TAC members asked for promotional documents from the RCC. Discussed free concord to Laconia connector, route was made using 2020 information from NHDOT. C. Yanski shared draft riders guide to TAC. 4 runs on Concord area transit (CAT) for the Concord Laconia connector – aimed at workforce commuting and stops at near concord coach area and near medical and grocery/shopping areas.
- d. Crash Data
- i. S. Chamberlin shows crash data and mapping. Discusses some inaccuracies in the data being found. Only guarantees on accuracy are fatal accidents. S. Chamberlin displays and discusses heat maps created using crash data.
 - ii. Discussed trying to find correlations in crash and things like Y intersections. Member brought up tourism/seasonal factors in increasing accidents. S. Chamberlin asks for ideas or interests in things to look for using this data. Member brings up intersections/ turning movements.
 - iii. Members would like better color scheme on heat map- make them slightly transparent to see roads underneath. – Member would like to try and identify more on what caused the crash (distracted driving, weather, etc). Member would like to see crash data with bike/ped data on them. Member brought up self-driving cars and the data with that – S. Chamberlain states that there is no data on that.
- c. GACIT Hearing
- i. S. Chamberlain informed members on schedule of GACIT meetings.

4. Subarea / Subcommittee Reports

- a. There were no reports for this meeting

5. Items of Business

- a. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

- i. It was discussed of changing the Standing Rules to have a rotating Chair. The chair for the next meeting would be chosen of the participants of the current meeting. This topic was set aside for a future meeting.
- ii. Lloyd Wood was elected unanimously to be the new Chair. Tavis Austin was elected unanimously to be the Vice Chair

- b. Community Updates

- i. Question was brought up of what party is responsible for tree trimming near utility lines.

6. Other Business

a. Public Comment

- i. Rod Cameron Spoke about recent changes along 133 and how they may be applicable to locations in our region
- ii. TAC now meeting on first Monday of the month.

7. Adjournment

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