

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF HIGHWAY DESIGN

Draft MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: April 24, 2019

LOCATION & TIME: NHDOT, 5 Hazen Drive, Concord NH, Room 205 - 1pm to 3pm

SUBJECT: Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC) Monthly Meeting & Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting

Attendees

Craig Tufts - Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CSAC Chair) Maddie DiIonno - Southern NH Planning Commission Adam Hlasny - Southern NH Planning Commission Dave Topham - GSW/BWANH Greg Bakos – BWANH Tim Dunn - NHDOT Simon Corson - Town of Amherst Stephanie Verdile - OSI Will Schoefmann - City of Keene; Mast Scott Bogle - Rockingham Planning Commission Phil Goff – Alta Planning + Design Erica Wygonik - RSG, Inc. Larry Keniston - NHDOT Sally Gunn - NHDOT Elizabeth Strachan – DES Alex Belensz – North Country Council Colin Lentz - Strafford Planning Commission Matt Waitkins - Nashua Regional Planning Commission (call-in) Leigh Levine - FHWA

NOTES ON MEETING:

Approval of the Minutes of February Meeting

The minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting were approved by the Committee.

Pedestrian Awareness PSA project

The subcommittee requested and received pedestrian fatality data from Department of Safety. The data included all 2016, 2017, 2018 pedestrian fatalities. The data cites pedestrian error as the cause for more than half of the pedestrian fatalities. Scott understood that one fatality identified as pedestrian error involved a second car pulling around a turning vehicle. The second vehicle fatally struck the pedestrian, who was wearing headphones. Greg noted that over 60% of fatalities were people over 60 in spreadsheet that was sent.

A production contract with NHAB will include of \$20,000.00 worth of radio air time spread over 50 New Hampshire radio stations over a 30 day period in late spring. The Pedestrian PSA subcommittee (Scott Bogle, Will Schoefmann, Craig Tufts, Stephanie Verdile, Dave Topham, Jennifer Tramp, Greg Bakos, Tim Dunn and

Sally Gunn) have met and submitted draft scripts, which can be found at

<u>https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/bikeped/advisory-committee/documents/subcommitteescripts.pdf</u>. (Contrary to what was indicated at the meeting, only subcommittee members have been asked to return edited word documents in order to better respect everyone's time. Subsequent to the meeting, therefore, Larry sent the editable word documents to subcommittee members only. See the above-linked document for additional details about how the selected scripts will be forwarded to NHAB for production and distribution.)

LTS Pilot Planning Project Update

Scott reported that there have been 3 meetings so far. FHWA research project is looking at comprehensive data on LTS for 5 regions (4 MPOs and CNHPC). Data will be used to develop LTS measure. Amy Villanueva from PSU is training folks on data collection and setting up ArcGIS online workspace for central data repository. Project has also started conversation about performance measures from about 20 examples of performance measures from 4 state DOTs.

Legislative Update

SB-185 -- Rail Trail Plan Update with \$200K fiscal note approved by the Senate committees but amended by the House Public Works and Highways on April 24 to replace the proposed 16-person Advisory Committee with a group of "Stakeholders" to be defined by NHDOT. The bill received an OTP vote of 18-1. Next stop is the House Finance Committee, date not confirmed as yet.

HB-148 -- E-bike bill passed the House and Senate Transportation Committee unanimously so without a fiscal note it is now on the consent calendar for a floor vote, date not known.

Multiple OHRV bills are facing strong headwinds from the OHRV community as more hearings are scheduled. Even two bills submitted by the Bureau of Trails and Fish & Game that would aid their efforts and income are not wanted by OHRV groups and some North Country businesses.

2017 & 2018 STRAVA data availability and training session

2017 & 2018 STRAVA data is available. The February 27. 2019 meeting minutes noted that Craig had set up a STRAVA training session for Thursday April 25th at Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission **in Manchester at 2:00 PM**.)

Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting - Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Progress - Alta Planning + Design <u>PAC meeting notes</u> are linked on the web page at <u>http://nhpedbikeplan.com/</u>. (Other Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan documents and resources can also be found at Alta's NHDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Website.)

Meeting adjourned around 3:20 PM.

Next combined CSAC & PAC Meeting: July 24, 2019 -- No May CSAC/PAC meeting

No June CSAC or PAC meeting

Near Future meetings: July 24, 2019, Aug 28, 2019, October 23, 2019, November 27, 2019, NHDOT: Materials and Research, Room 205; (Call in option 888-206-2266 / PIN: 7978761#)