

Minutes of the Public-Private Partnership (P3) Commission Public Meeting

*February 20, 2020
Portsmouth City Hall*

I. Call to Order

The Committee's Chairperson, NHDOT Commissioner Victoria Sheehan, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

II. Roll Call

Commissioner Sheehan conducted the roll call. The following P3 commission members were present:

- Chris Clement
- Ray Gagnon
- Edwin Smith
- Kevin Smith

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

No previous minutes were presented for approval.

IV. Open Issues

Commissioner Sheehan provided a background of the P3 process, explaining that the focus at the meeting was related to the long-term lease agreement of the Portsmouth and Dover bus terminal/park and ride facilities. For Ray Gagnon's benefit as a new Commission member, Commissioner Sheehan explained that P3 projects involve a contractual relationship that generally will include operations and maintenance rather than just a design/build scenario. Though a similar project was submitted for the I-93 corridor, the Commission had decided to start with the I-95 corridor first, with I-93 to be re-considered after successful implementation of the initial Portsmouth & Dover project.

Commissioner Sheehan addressed the fact that all P3 meetings are public, and all related materials will be posted to the P3 website. She further explained that NHDOT recommends that no solicitation take place until the current project is advanced successfully, as another call for projects was originally scheduled for January 2020. All Commission members were in agreement. Kevin Smith asked when the next call for projects was anticipated, to which Commissioner Sheehan said it would be fall 2020 at the earliest, and likely not until January 2021. Edwin Smith asked if any entities had expressed interest in submitting a project in the next round, to which the answer was "No."

Commissioner Sheehan then provided details with regard to the length of time needed to develop these RFPs. In the meantime, concurrence has been received from Governor & Council (G&C) and the Capital Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC) to move forward with the RFP process. Commissioner Sheehan further explained that the 30-day comment period for the RFP/Ground Lease Contract will start as of that night. Commissioner Sheehan stated hopes to reconvene the P3 Commission shortly after the 30-day period in order to vote on the P3's release. Commissioner Sheehan noted that information on how/where to submit written comments was detailed on the P3 Commission website, which could be linked to from the NHDOT homepage of www.nh.gov/dot. Commissioner Sheehan also provided the email address for electronic comments: P3Commission@dot.nh.gov.

Edwin Smith noted that the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee (LRCPUC) would need to approve of the RFP approach as well, and suggested that the next P3 meeting could dovetail with the LRPUC meeting in order to streamline the process. It was agreed to look into that as an option. Chris Clement requested the dates of the next G&C and LRCPUC meetings; NHDOT members in attendance stated they would look into providing that. Ray Gagnon requested a membership list of those two bodies, to which it was again agreed NHDOT would attempt to retrieve.

V. New Business

Commissioner Sheehan announced that a public hearing related to the draft RFP/Ground Lease Contract for the long-term lease at the Portsmouth and Dover bus terminal/park and ride facilities would follow the P3 Commission meeting after a short recess.

VI. Adjournment

Chairperson Sheehan adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.