



Nashua Region Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

11/12/2024, 12 pm

NRPC Conference Room

Attendees:

Levent Akinci, City of Nashua Nicole Crawford, Town of Milford Nick Germain, Town of Wilton Will Ludt, Town of Amherst Mark Saunders, City of Nashua Russell Tedford, City of Nashua	Tyrel Borowitz, NRPC Emma Rearick, NRPC Matt Waitkins, NRPC
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Call to Order and Introductions

E. Rearick called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Review June 4, 2024 meeting notes

E. Rearick asked for any corrections for the June 4, 2024 meeting notes. There were none.

Transportation Alternatives Program Workshop

E. Rearick shared a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant timeline and process for this round. Important dates include a Letter of Interest to NHDOT due Friday December 6, 2024, a mandatory NHDOT workshop in early January 2025, and applications to NHDOT due Friday January 24, 2025.

NHDOT will rank projects based on potential for success, safety, connectivity, socio-economic benefit, and the ranking from TTAC. NRPC expects TAP applicants to present at the April TTAC meeting as part of NRPC's ranking process.

Projects need to be from municipalities, transportation-focused, have a local funding match of 20% (not in-kind and not other federal dollars), and have a trained LPA "Person in Responsible Charge." E. Rearick and M. Waitkins also reviewed successful applications from previous years. Successful projects tend to have strong community support (they appear in existing plans, etc.) and a clear map that describes the proposed project and how it relates.

TAP grant opportunities tend to come around every 3 or 4 years. TTAC will have its own scoring committee and criteria to rank projects and recommend them to NHDOT.

M. Saunders asked if there is a funding cap. M. Waitkins said that NHDOT has said that they do not currently have a funding cap and plans to see how much interest there is from municipalities this round. N. Germain asked about the timeline for funding. M. Waitkins said that the projects will probably be funded for year 4 or 5, so sooner than a project funded through the Ten Year Plan process which get added 10 years out.

N. Germain asked if the projects needed to be reviewed by an engineer before submitting. M. Waitkins said no, there is not a requirement, but it could make the project more competitive.

M. Waitkins emphasized that NRPC staff is here to support the municipalities if they need assistance with applications or other things. M. Saunders thanked T. Borowitz for completing some bike and ped counts recently for a project.

Bike and Ped Data Collection Program

T. Borowitz reviewed bike and ped counts that have been recently completed. He shared [the online map viewer](#) and its dashboard. He reviewed the PDF report format, which now includes weather during the count period. There are currently counters installed in Wilton and Mason. He counts at many locations more than once in order to compare data from different years or seasons. He is adding locations if anyone has suggestions and is looking for locations in all the NRPC communities. W. Ludt asked about the large increase in counts from 2023 to 2024. T. Borowitz shared that NRPC acquired two additional counters, so there are double the number of counters available now. Amherst has two permanent counters that they installed, and he helps to retrieve and manage the data from them. He is planning the counting schedule for next year.

Statewide, Regional, Local Updates

Statewide: E. Rearick shared that NHDOT is still working on their complete streets policy. They came out with another draft a couple of months ago. The chair of their complete streets advisory committee has moved to Montana so they are looking for a new chair.

Regional: NRPC is working through the Safe Streets for All plan process, which is expected to be finished at the end of January. M. Saunders asked if municipalities will be able to apply for the related funding opportunity that is expected to be released in March. E. Rearick confirmed that yes, that is the goal. She added that the Ten Year Plan process is also still underway and the draft list of prioritized projects will be presented at TTAC tomorrow.

Nashua: L. Akinci shared that Nashua will be bringing the scooter share program back in 2025 and plans to release an RFP this time.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjourn:

The meeting ended around 1pm.

Next Meeting: TBD