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Housing and Transportation Choices Technical Advisory Subcommittee

October 10, 2012
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
NH Local Government Center

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Introductions and Rules for Discussion**
- 2. Review and approve minutes of the July 26, 2012 TASC Meeting**
- 3. Progress Update**
 - Meeting 1 & 2 recap**
 - TASC Matrices (individual & collective)**
- 4. Draft Housing & Transportation Matrix Discussion**
- 5. Adjourn**

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25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH 03301

Participants:

Becky Ohler – NHDES & Chair of Housing and Transportation Choices TASC
Ruairi O'Mahony - CNHRPC
Jeff Belanger - NRPC
Tim White - SNHPC
Van Chestnut – NH Transit Association
Arlene Kershaw – Easter Seals NH
Dan Smith - NHHFA
Bill Oldenburg - NHDOT
Nate Miller - UVLSRPC

MEETING NOTES

1. Introduction and Rules for Discussion

Chair Ohler called the meeting to order and reiterated the group's rules for discussion that were agreed to at the previous meeting.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Arlene Kershaw moved to approve the minutes as written. Dan Smith seconded the motion.

3. Update of Progress

Ruairi O'Mahony recapped the progress of the group. The first meeting was a broad discussion on the connections of transportation and housing. After the first meeting, staff was not sure how to move forward with all of the information they had collected. At the second meeting, the discussion moved forward with how to bring the information into the matrix. Over the next month, members of the committee submitted significant amount of information and put it into the matrix. Staff compiled the information and assembled it into the matrix. The information mostly fell into the Housing and Transportation categories in the matrix, which is what one would expect. Staff took the detailed information and tied them into the overall coversheet.

Ruairi went through the cover sheet with all of the summarized information. There are links on the coversheet that take the reader to the worksheet of the person who put the information in.

4. Discussion of Housing and Transportation Matrix

Ruairi O'Mahony suggested that what we have to do today is rank the information that is on the coversheet. The coversheet is just broad-based, and there will be more detailed information in the worksheets. Are we happy with what is in the coversheet, do we need more detail or less? That is what we should accomplish today.

Smith – The difficulty I ran into was the task of adding detailed information, because the more information you put in, quicker it becomes irrelevant. It would be better to have a link to a website, which changes, rather than putting in information. He asked if that is what was intended with the matrix.

Belanger – The matrix was made by someone in my office. My understanding of the intent was that the matrix was supposed to be a document that gave information in front of you, rather than having to go through plans.

Arlene – The most compelling thing for me was the vision section. Rather than worrying about the details of the population, those are always going to influence the decision, but the real driver is what we are trying to accomplish. I'm not sure how the matrix does that, because the details are going to change.

O'Mahony – Each of the nine different regions would use the data we've compiled to draft a vision, using what we've compiled here. This gives the nine regions data to work from to craft their own visions.

Ohler – Baseline data is going to be static, but the other data is going to change.

Smith – Housing needs assessments use baseline data. The point is to have the same data available to everyone, so if you come to different conclusions, fine, but we all have to have the same data.

Bill Oldenburg – If you're going to keep links in this document, it's good for reference, but you can't hand someone a document full of links if they are going to try to read it in front of them.

Mack – We've created a document that is good for reference, but what we are supposed to do with this is boil this down so that some executive directors can take this information and boil it down for them. You make choices, but you say, what are the most relevant.

Belanger – This should be a quick reference for people who are coming up with the plans, and then have sources to back them up.

Discussion ensued about how information should be presented in the matrix. It is difficult to carry a thought from left to right on the matrix. There was discussion of the format of the matrix.

Discussion ensued about whether it is worth putting data into the plan, since some data, like transportation data, will be out of date soon.

Chair Ohler – With only about an hour left, let's do this new formatting with some examples. Let's try to go left to right, even if they don't match up.

Nate Miller – The only one we can't do this with is the vision row. We can't go left to right in vision.

The group took an example of green building and went from left to right on the matrix.

Miller asked if the group should add data to some of the rows that are not housing and transportation. Belanger said that if there are obvious connections between those rows and housing and transportation, or if there are just some good ideas that the group has, then do so, but it is not necessary.

White asked if Ohler would put things into environment, as that is her specialty. Ohler said she likely would.

Miller said we should add to economic development regarding transportation.

The group decided that they would redo what they had already submitted so that it reads left to right, particularly the metrics part. Each participant will try to reformat their worksheet.

5. Next Meeting

The group will try to meet again on the 16th. Location TBD. There will be a follow-up e-mail with these instructions and inclusion of Becky's example in the e-mail.

6. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:08