

A GRANITE STATE FUTURE

Housing and Transportation Choices Technical Advisory Subcommittee

June 28, 2012
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Central NH Regional Planning Commission
28 Commercial Street #3
Concord, NH 03301

MEETING AGENDA

1. **Introductions and Rules for Discussion**
Facilitator: Ruairi O'Mahony- Central NH Regional Planning Commission
2. **Review Objectives/Timelines for Subcommittee**
Facilitator: Ruairi O'Mahony- Central NH Regional Planning Commission
3. **Overview of "Livability Principles"**
Facilitator: Tim Roache- Nashua Regional Planning Commission
4. **Identify Relevant Appendices for the Assigned Livability Principles**
Facilitator: J.B. Mack- Southwest Region Planning Commission
5. **Identify Existing Plans and Resources**
Facilitator: Nate Miller- Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
6. **Election of Chair**
Facilitator: Ruairi O'Mahony- Central NH Regional Planning Commission
7. **Determine Future Meeting Dates/Times**
Facilitator: Ruairi O'Mahony- Central NH Regional Planning Commission
8. **Adjourn**

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Participants:

Ruairi O'Mahony- CHNRPC
Tim Roache- Nashua RPC
Nate Miller- UVLSRPC
J.B. Mack- SWRPC
Tim White- SNHRPC
Mike Izard- Lakes RPC
Van Chesnut- NH Transit Association
Bill Oldenburg- NHDOT
Becky Ohler- NHDES
Dave Hennessey- New England Moves
Dan Smith- NHHFA
Elissa Margolin- Housing Action NH
Tom Moses- Home Builders and Remodelers Association of NH

MEETING NOTES

1. Introductions and Rules for Discussion

Ruairi O'Mahony called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the group's rules for discussion including:

- Respect the individuality and views of others.
- Participate and encourage participation.
- Ensure that only one person talks at a time. Raise a hand to participate.
- Do not interrupt others, or start talking before someone finishes.
- Do not engage in cross talk.
- Avoid individual discussions in small groups during the meeting. When one person speaks, others should listen.
- Be present exactly at the scheduled time of start of meeting.
- Live participation is required from everybody. At the same time, participants must encourage and let others speak.
- Participants should strictly adhere to the subjects of the discussion. There should be no deviations or loose talk.
- Individuals should be brief and precise.

2. Review Objectives/Timelines for Subcommittee

Ruairi O'Mahony reviewed the Subcommittee's work objectives. The Subcommittee will be providing technical assistance and guidance in the fields of housing and transportation to the state's nine Regional Planning Commissions. Each of the Regional Planning Commissions is

working with the municipalities they serve to develop regional plans as part of A Granite State Future. The Subcommittee's work will inform those regional plans.

Ruairi O'Mahony provided an overview of the Subcommittee's first task, which will be to complete a matrix identifying: 1) Existing Resources; 2) Existing Policies, Principles, Goals, and Questions to be Addressed; 3) Existing Conditions and Trends; 4) Short-Term Performance Metrics; 5) Medium-Term Performance Metrics; and 6) Long-Term Performance Metrics.

The matrix will be completed for each of the Regional Plan Chapters and Appendices related to Housing and Transportation, including: Vision, Land Use, Implementation, Housing, Transportation, Water Infrastructure, Environment, Economic Development, Climate Change Impacts, and Energy Efficiency and Green Building.

3. **Overview of "Livability Principles"**

Tim Roache provided an overview of the six livability principles established by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities:

- Provide more transportation choices;
- Promote equitable, affordable housing;
- Enhance economic competitiveness;
- Support existing communities;
- Coordinate policies and leverage investment;
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

Tim Roache continued, noting that the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation convened a Transportation and Land Use Roundtable. The Roundtable proposed seven livability principles for New Hampshire:

- Traditional Settlement Patterns;
- Housing Choices;
- Transportation Choices;
- Natural Resource Functions and Quality;
- Community and Economic Vitality;
- Climate Change and Energy Efficiency;
- Social Equity and Engagement.

4. **Identify Relevant Appendices for the Assigned Livability Principles**

J.B. Mack identified nine planning documents that will act as appendices for each of the Regional Plans:

- 1) **Housing Needs Assessment:** A Housing Plan that examines a range of existing and projected housing need by type and tenure that is available to all ranges of family income.
- 2) **Regional Fair Housing and Equity Assessment:** This assessment addresses the ability of residents to take advantage of housing opportunities throughout the area without discrimination.
- 3) **Regional Transportation Plan:** Regional Transportation Planning that examines regional networks, expansion of choices and places an emphasis on enhancing public transit, biking, and walking.

- 4) **Water Infrastructure Plan:** Planning to ensure that investments in drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems support the sustainability of the community and are aligned with municipal and regional land use goals and policies.
- 5) **Environmental Plan:** Evaluating land use decisions and developing strategies for sound environmental stewardship, and evaluating opportunities to enhance natural resource connectivity for both ecological purposes and human health benefits.
- 6) **Economic Development Plan:** Planning that investigates and proposes strategies that will enhance community vitality and job growth. This includes the intersection of economic development opportunities, employment, cultural events, education, public health, and social equity.
- 7) **Comprehensive Climate Change Impact Assessments:** Assessments that evaluate a range of climate change impacts and are used as a basis for defining adaptation actions and strategies.
- 8) **Energy Efficiency and Green Building Strategy:** Planning that will build upon the Regional Planning Commissions existing partnership with the NH Office of Energy and Planning and CLF Ventures to support local planning for energy efficiency.
- 9) **Scenario Planning:** Scenario Planning will be used to assess the outcomes and performance goals of various land use, economic development and infrastructure investment scenarios and will form a key component of stakeholder involvement.

Tim Roache and J.B. Mack explained the interrelationship between the components of the Regional Plans and NH Livability Principles.

Interrelationship of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Components and the NH Livability Principles

	NH Livability Principles						
	Compact Development Patterns	Housing Choices	Transportation Choices	Natural Resource Functions and Quality	Community and Economic Vitality	Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Social Equity*
Housing Needs Assessment	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choices	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Regional Transportation Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Water Infrastructure Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Environmental Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Economic Development Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Comprehensive Climate Change Impacts	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Energy Efficiency and Green Building Strategy	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Scenario Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Degree of Interrelationships Key



5. **Identify Existing Plans and Resources**

Nate Miller led a discussion to begin identifying existing plans and resources that should inform the regional planning effort. The following existing plans and resources were identified:

- Existing Regional Plans and Housing Needs Assessments;
- NH Climate Action Plan
- Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data from the NH Association of Realtors;
- Forthcoming data from the National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Survey, which will allow for NH-specific data analysis;
- NH Housing Rental Cost Survey;
- Housing Affordability (Out-of-Reach) Data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition;
- NH Community Loan Fund Data;
- NH Center for Public Policy Heat Maps Showing Housing Value Decline;
- State-level data and reporting from the NH Home Builders and Remodelers Association, including their Economic Development Study;
- NH Legal Assistance Data and Resources on Housing Discrimination;
- NHHFA Survey of Housing Choice;
- NH Building Energy Code Collaborative- Strategic Plan;
- Regional Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Coordination Plans;
- NH State Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan;
- Service Development Plans for individual transit agencies;
- Local and Regional Transit Feasibility Studies;
- State and local data from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program;
- Housing Authority Data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- Data, Resources, and Reporting from the Transportation Climate Initiative (Collaboration of 11 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States and the District of Columbia);
- NH Department of Transportation Long-Range Plan;
- NH State Rail Plan;
- NH State Trails Plan;
- NH Local Energy Working Group Data;
- NH State Development Plan
- Local Economic Development Plans;
- NH Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques Handbook;

6. **Election of Chair**

Bill Oldenburg nominated Becky Ohler to serve as Chair of the Subcommittee. Dan Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Determine Future Meeting Dates/Times**

The Subcommittee set a tentative date/time for their next meeting (July 26th, 11:00 AM, at the CNHRPC offices in Concord).

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.