

# **A GRANITE STATE FUTURE**

## **Housing and Transportation Choices Technical Advisory Subcommittee**

**July 26, 2012**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Home Builders and Remodelers Association of NH

119 Airport Road

Concord, NH 03301

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. Introductions & Rules for Discussion
2. Overview & recap of June 28, 2012 TASC meeting
3. Housing & Transportation TASC Matrix
  - Matrix outline and expected outcomes
  - Committee member/agency responsibilities
  - Matrix information & data use as the project develops
4. Future Meeting Date
5. Adjourn

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July 26, 2012- 11:00 AM  
Central NH Regional Planning Commission  
28 Commercial Street #3  
Concord, NH 03301

### **Participants:**

Becky Ohler-NHDES & Chair of Housing and Transportation Choices TASC  
Ruairi O'Mahony- CHNRPC  
Tim Roache- Nashua RPC  
Nate Miller- UVLSRPC  
J.B. Mack- SWRPC  
Van Chestnut-NH Transit Association  
Dave Hennessey-Coldwell Banker  
Tom Irwin-Conservation Law Foundation  
Arlene Kershaw-Easter Seals NH  
Laurel Redden-Housing Action NH  
Tom Moses- Home Builders and Remodelers Association of NH (HBRANH)  
Dan Smith-NHHFA  
Tim White-SNHPC  
Paul Morin-HBRANH  
Tricia Grahame-HBRANH

### **MEETING NOTES**

- 1. Introductions 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 of June 28, 2012 TASC Meeting**  
Dan Smith made a motion to approve the draft minutes as written. Tom Moses seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- 3. Overview and Recap of June 28, 2012 TASC Meeting**  
Regional Planning Commission staff summarized aspects of the Granite State Future Project and how the Housing and Transportation TASC informs the process. Ruairi O'Mahony explained how the work that the TASC is doing will inform nine regional plans in New Hampshire. Tim Roache explained how the process is guided by US Housing and Urban Development's livability principles. J. B. Mack summarized the relevant appendices for the assigned livability principles.
- 4. Housing and Transportation TASC Matrix**  
Chair Ohler and Ruairi O'Mahony discussed conversations they had since the last meeting and difficulties they had in filling out the matrix. Chair Ohler explained how staff from NHDES (many of whom are involved in the TASC process) were approaching the matrix by breaking it down

further. For example, instead of combining “policies”, “goals”, “principles” and “questions to be asked” in one box, which are very different, NHDES has elected to have “policies”, “goals,” etc, be assigned their own column headers in the matrix. Chair Ohler showed an example from Chris Skoglund at NHDES which had links to resources and was indexed by numbers to show where resources come up in more than one box for tracking purposes. Tim Roache suggested that we focus on the housing and transportation row headers of the matrix. Chair Ohler countered that it is her understanding to show the nexus between each column and row header as appropriate. Ruairi O’Mahony explained that the TASC has been given direction to indicate no more than five resources, policies, etc. for each box in the matrix. However, he proposed that the TASC should try and capture the extensive cumulative knowledge offered by the TASC members and that all Regional Plans would be better off with all relevant information that the TASC members offered in order to avoid overlooking important resource information. Dan Smith indicated that he tried the matrix as well and had difficulty filling in some of the boxes.

Arlene Kershaw, upon reviewing the resources shown in the minutes, indicated that she thought that the AARP Community Initiative should be included as a resource. Fred Roberge stated that it sounded like this process was very similar to the I-93 community planning process known as the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP), and suggested that this should be a resource as well. Arlene Kershaw asked if the matrix should have a discussion about unintended policy consequences and how they negatively impact themes in the matrix. Tom Irwin asked if the document created by the Citizens Advisory Committee and assembled by New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to inform the New Hampshire Long Range Transportation Plan should be utilized as a resource.

After a break for lunch, the Committee returned to their discussion about the Housing and Transportation TASC Matrix. Chair Ohler proposed that if TASC members have time, would they be willing to pick one to three resources and then work down and across the matrix filling out boxes where appropriate. There was general consensus that this was a good idea. At that point, Chair Ohler went around the table asking which resources people wanted to focus on based on their own expertise. The results of that discussion is listed below:

Name	Organization	Resources
Tom Irwin	Conservation Law Foundation	NH RSA 9-B; NH RSA 79-E; NH Forest Protection’s Report “NH’s Changing Landscape”; Conservation Law Foundation’s Report “Community Rule”; Citizen Advisory Committee’s Report to NHDOT
Tom Moses, Tricia Grahame and Paul Morin	HBRANH	NH Homebuilder’s “Economic Development Study”; NH Energy Code Collaborative; NH Innovative Land Use Guide; Smart Growth Principles; Dr. Lisa Shapiro’s research on the zoning impact on housing and land use regulations in NH
Van Chestnut Fred Roberge	NH Transit Association Statewide Coordinating Council	NH State Coordination Plan; CTAP Project; Transit Ridership data from NHDOT Rail & Transit
Dan Smith	NHHFA	Consolidated Housing Plan; NH Housing Programs, NHHFA Research
Laurel Redden and Elissa Margolin	Housing Action NH	NH Legal Assistance; Housing Affordability Out of Reach publication
Tim White	SNHPC	Regional Coordinated Plans and Regional Housing

		Needs Assessments
Becky Ohler	NHDES	Energy and Climate Collaborative; NH Climate Action Plan; Transportation Climate Initiative; Miscellaneous NHDES Resources; Sprawl indicator; Climate Adaptation work group
Arlene Kershaw	Easter Seals NH	Aging data, DHHS mental health data; Peter Francese's Communities and Consequences book and video; Local AARCP studies for NH; Resources from NH Institute on Disability
Dave Hennessey	Coldwell Banker	MLS-Novia data; Compilation of sales by county by the NH Association of Realtors; NH Homebuyer and Seller Survey
TASC Staff: Ruairi O'Mahony Tim Roache Nate Miller J.B. Mack	CNHPC Nashua PC UVLSRPC SWRPC	Staff will split up other transportation plans and documents cited in last meetings minutes.

After volunteering to examine resources, the TASC Committee reached consensus that everyone should hand in their matrix to the TASC staff by August 20. Members were encouraged to send in matrices as soon as they are developed by Chair Ohler.

Van Chestnut asked what kind of metrics should he be looking for? Are red list bridges, transit ridership good examples? Arlene Kershaw asked if the group should consider the impact Medicaid has on transportation. Tricia Grahame asked if the group should look at how the Northern Pass would impact housing and growth. Chair Ohler responded that according to research and data available at NHDES, it is unlikely that the Northern Pass will stimulate growth in NH in the near to mid term.

**5. Future Meeting Date(s)**

The next meeting date was scheduled for September 12, 2012 from 1-3 pm and will be held at the NH Dept of Transportation office on Hazen Drive, Room 205 located in the Materials and Research Bldg adjacent to the Morton Building (the main office bldg)

**6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.