

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BUREAU OF RAIL AND TRANSIT**

**MEETING REPORT**

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 24, 2016

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** NHDOT, 5 Hazen Drive, Concord NH - Room 205

**SUBJECT:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (BPTAC)

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Felice Janelle, NHDES (Chair)  
Terry Johnson, HEAL  
Jeff Latimer, Gus' Bike Shop (by phone)  
Tim Blagden, BWA-NH  
Dave Topham, Granite State Wheelmen  
Will Schoefmann, City of Keene  
Erik Paddleford, NHDOT – Rail and Transit  
Mary Poesse, North Country Council  
Craig Tufts, CNHRPC  
Scott Bourcier, Dubois & King

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS/ OTHERS PRESENT:**

Larry Keniston, NHDOT – Rail and Transit  
Amy Villamagna, Plymouth State University (by phone)  
Laura Getts, Plymouth State University (by phone)

**NOTES ON MEETING:**

The regular meeting of the BPTAC was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the Chair.

**Approve January Minutes**

The minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Research Proposals**

Amy Villamagna provided some background on the project they have been working on related to the Strava data. She has developed a research proposal to continue the work and gave an overview of what the research is anticipated to accomplish. The research would essentially be a continuation of the current work they are doing with the Strava bicycle data. The project entails conducting an analysis of the Strava data and coming up with ways RPCs and DOT could use the data for planning. The research project would study bicycle usage and traffic volume estimates and tie in some of the LTS work.

Felice explained the other research project being considered to determine the best bicycling and walking performance measures that could be used specifically in NH. While the committee didn't feel this project was as strong as the PSU proposal, the committee felt it should be submitted as well.

Erik mentioned that all ideas/ proposals would need to go through the Rail and Transit Bureau to determine

what may be suitable to put forward as a research proposal. BPTAC can recommend project proposals but cannot submit proposals directly to the research group.

## **Outreach**

### *Bike to work day*

Craig discussed a complete street demonstration that is going to happen in downtown Concord around the time of Bike to Work Day this year. The demonstration will provide temporary protected bike lanes so bicyclists can try out these types of facilities and have a better understanding of what it looks like when other modes of transportation are included in street design. Felice mentioned that DES will likely do the same thing as last year and have a table set up. Erik thought the table in front of the DMV could work again and DOT and DES could plan a joint bike to work day event.

### *Public Service Announcements*

Tim informed the group that there are two PSA's related to bicycles and motorcycles that will be in circulation in the spring.

### *Brochure Update, DOT Publications*

The committee discussed the "Road Hog, Road Warrior Brochure" and the possibility of making an update to freshen up the design and possibly some on the information it contains. Felice volunteered to take a look at the brochure and see where some improvements could be made.

### *DOT Bike/ Ped website*

The committee took a look at the DOT bicycle and pedestrian website. Overall, committee members felt the site was difficult to navigate to or from the DOT home page and could be organized in a better more user friendly way. Committee members thought the opening page should have more information on what the program is about and allow for easier navigation to supporting web pages.

## **DOT Update**

### *Strava Data*

Purchase of the next round of Strava data is in process. Anticipate data would be available sometime in April.

### *Stakeholder's Guide*

All/most of the content has been developed for the guide. The consultant is working on the design and layout. One more meeting is anticipated prior to the final completion.

### *Proposed Chip Seals 2016*

Erik showed a map of the proposed chip seal locations for 2016. Erik will send the map to the RPCs where projects are proposed and also BWA-NH for any input on the locations and chip seals in general. Input and comment will need to be provided to the Pavement Management group by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### *Lane Marking Subcommittee Recommendations*

The recommendations are still being considered by Bill Cass.

#### *Claremont Rail Trail Waiver*

Internal meetings have taken place at DOT but no formal recommendation has been given on DOT's stance regarding the waiver request to allow ATV use on the Claremont Rail Trail in the City of Claremont.

#### *FHWA request to NHDOT regarding private crossing of North Cheshire Rail Trail*

This issue has been referred to the AG's office.

#### **Advocacy Update**

Erik indicated the charters have been reviewed internally with some minor changes being made. The charters have been reviewed by Felice and Erik will send the final versions out to the subcommittee chairs.

#### *NHDOT district rides*

Tim is working with Larry to set up bicycle rides within each DOT maintenance district in the spring. The rides are envisioned to bring district engineers and others together for an informational session while traveling to selected areas within the district by bicycle.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm**

**Next Meeting: March 30, 2016 11:00-1:00pm, NHDOT: 5 Hazen Drive, Room 205 – Materials and Research Building.**