



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

Draft MEETING REPORT

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 23, 2019

**LOCATION & TIME:** NHDOT, 5 Hazen Drive, Concord NH, Room 205 – 1pm to 3pm

**SUBJECT:** Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC) Monthly Meeting

**STEERING (CSAC) COMMITTEE & PLAN PROJECT ADVISORY (PAC) COMMITTEE;**

*Present:*

Craig Tufts, CNHRPC (Chair)

Will Schoefmann, City of Keene

Alex Belenz, North Country Council

Scott Bogle, RPC

Tim Dunn, NHDOT – Highway Design

Steve Workman – Transport NH

Simon Corson, Town of Amherst

Greg Bakos, BWA-NH

Dave Topham, GSW (Call-in)

Liz Strachan, DES – Air Resources

Tim Blagden, Concord-Lake Sunapee RT

Kathleen Mullen -DHHS

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS/ OTHERS PRESENT:**

Maddie Dionno – SNHPC (PAC)

Stephanie Verdile – NH Office of Strategic Initiatives

Leigh Levine – FHWA

Adam Lhasny – SNHPC

Larry Keniston, NHDOT

Matt Waitkins (NRPC)

Dick Lemieux (FMRGT)

Sandt Michener (NHDOT)

Sally Gunn (NHDOT)

Tom Jameson (NHDOT)

Ann Scholz (NHDOT)

Phil Goff – Alta Planning + Design

Erica Wygonik – RSG

**NOTES ON MEETING:**

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Kick-off with Alta Planning + Design – (See notes by Alta.)**

**Approval of November 28, 2018 Minutes**

The minutes of the [November 28, 2018](#) meeting were approved by the committee.

**Pedestrian Awareness PSA project (\$4,000 of USDOT/FHWA Technology Deployment (T2) funds)**

FHWA has set aside \$4,000 of Technology Deployment (T2) funds for one project submitted by the New Hampshire Division. The project will develop and deploy pedestrian awareness public service announcements that highlight the rise in pedestrian fatalities nationwide despite the drop in vehicle occupant fatalities. The public service announcements are expected to partner with WMUR and include rules for drivers when encountering pedestrians and rules and safety tips for pedestrians in keeping themselves safe around motorists. The expected outcomes of the project include heightened awareness of (1) the need to safely operate a vehicle around pedestrian traffic, (2) the rules of the road related to vehicle/pedestrian interaction and (3) rules and tips for navigating the transportation network safely as a pedestrian. Ann Scholz suggested that the CSAC partner with Bill Boynton and could meet with WMUR to design and create internet video ads that WMUR produces. CSAC members Scott Bogle, Will Schoefmann, Craig Tufts, Stephanie Verdille, Tim Dunn and Dave Topham agreed to staff a subcommittee that will guide the project. Sally Gunn identified [Maine DOT's safety information](#) as a possible model for part of the PSA content. NHDOT expects to receive the allocation memo

from FHWA. In the meantime, the subcommittee can work on the task order with WMUR to negotiate the scope and fee for the PSA. Ann underscored that the FHWA Funds must be obligated and expended by September 30, 2019 and that unobligated balances will not carry over into FY2020.

### **NH 125 Rumble Strips and NHDOT Guidelines for the Installation of Milled Rumble Strips**

The Department's guidelines currently indicate that rumble grooves "shall be directly beneath the edge line with the remaining 8" extending into the shoulder area." Based on complaints that resulted in a moratorium on the installation of rumbles, the Department recently re-installed rumble strips 1 foot into the shoulder along a newly resurfaced section of NH 125 in Lee. The Department also omitted, at least temporarily, the 12-foot gaps specified for every 48 feet. While the omission of the gaps may have been an oversight, Sally Gunn noted that everything in the [Guidelines for the Installation of Milled Rumble Strips](#) are subject to revision within a few weeks. The complaints received by NHDOT generally involve the noise generated by rumble stripes since motorists routinely cross the stripe and a rumble strip some distance into the shoulder from the stripe could produce fewer hits. Tim Blagden commented at the meeting that the noise would be a diminishing problem as the rumble stripes eventually help drivers to figure out that they must slow down and pay attention in order to stay between the rumbles. Noting that some complaints originated from highways where errors in the placement of the pavement markings were involved, Tim noted that technology may exist that could save the Department funds while making the pavement markings more accurate. Sally Gunn ([Sally.Gunn@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Sally.Gunn@dot.nh.gov)) asked the group for additional comments. (Immediately subsequent to the meeting, Larry emailed on January 23 the relevant information to all for comments to be returned to Sally.) The current guidelines can be found at [https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/highwaydesign/documents/rumble\\_strips\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/highwaydesign/documents/rumble_strips_guidelines.pdf) and Previous CSAC *Recommendations to the Commissioner* can be found on the page at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/bikeped/advisory-committee/index.htm>.

### **Chip Seal Segments for 2019**

The Department received no feedback following the November, 2018 CSAC meeting where the 2019 chip seal projects (Sanbornton NH 132, 3.7 mi., Alstead NH 123, 4.0 mi., Nelson Nelson Road, 2.4 mi. and Hancock-Greenfield, Forest Road, 3.8 mi.) were identified.

### **LTS Planning Project Implementation Update, FHWA Grant Funding**

This RPC [research](#) is about Incorporating Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress into MPO Performance Based Planning. It's an FHWA Pilot Grant Program project. There has been discussion about coordination with the NHDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan project in order to avoid duplication of effort. Accordingly, Alta proposes that the Department grant an extension on the Level of Traffic Stress Analysis deliverable from the end of February to the end of May. This would provide time for the RPCs project to produce a relatively intensive LTS model of their targeted areas. With the information to be developed by the RPCs available along with possible additional data elements from NHDOT (usable shoulders, bike detection, lane configuration at intersection approaches including the bike lane status, turning prohibitions, prevailing speed limit, presence/duration of parking. Alta could verify the new intensive data elements and incorporate these elements into their Statewide model for the Plan. Alta & the RPCs propose a wider discussion toward the end of February regarding the leveraging of the two separate planning efforts. The discussion would include Kyle James (Alta), Scott Bogle, Craig Tufts, Amy Villamagna (and her grad student) (PSU) and Glenn Davison, Lucy St. John and Leigh Levine.

### **Legislative Update**

HB428 - **Title:** relative to pedestrian control signals. Committee: House Transportation. Hearing was 1/22/19 at 11:00 AM. Executive session is 1/29/2019. Bill would allow right turn on red during a walk signal if the driver doesn't see a pedestrian. Pedestrians facing such steady or flashing signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right of way by the drivers of all vehicles. There shall be no right

turn allowed for any vehicle while a steady or flashing walk signal is being displayed except in the event there is no pedestrian within 50 feet of the roadway, in which case the driver may turn after coming to a complete stop.

HB425 - **Title:** relative to vulnerable users of highways. Bill was voted ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate). We need to change the language of the bill to be more like the model language (omit the felony B language).

HB148 - **Title:** relative to electric bicycles. Committee: House Transportation. Hearing not yet scheduled. Bill has been reviewed by DOT, Bureau of Travel & Tourism and Bureau of Trails.

SB185 -FN-A - **Title:** establishing a rail trail corridors advisory committee to assist the Department of Transportation in updating the state trails plan and making an appropriation therefor. Committee: Senate Transportation. Hearing is Tuesday January 29 2:15 in LOB 103. This bill seeks to appropriate \$200,000 to update the State Trails Plan (including economic impact analysis) and to establish a Rail Trail Corridors Advisory Committee. If established the Complete Streets Advisory Committee would have a seat on the Committee. Bill has been reviewed by DOT, Bureau of Travel & Tourism and Bureau of Trails.

SB217 - **Title:** marking the Lafayette Trail in New Hampshire. Committee: Senate Transportation. Hearing not yet scheduled. This bill would name a route of streets the Lafayette Trail. Presumably for tourism purposes. Tim suggested that this Committee may want to write a letter suggesting that with the designation comes a plan to make the route a Complete Street. Pull up the bill to see the list of street segments.

#### **Other Items**

##### *1. Counting Plan update/ conclusion*

The [CSAC bicycle and pedestrian counting plan](#) was last reviewed and [revised in October 2016](#). This document should be looked at again and updated accordingly. A subcommittee to work on this should be put together. The committee will discuss this further at a subsequent meeting.

##### *2. Potential Pedestrian Pamphlet*

Dave Topham volunteered a BWANH pedestrian flyer (DAVE – is there a web link for this?) as a basis for possibly producing a NHDOT pedestrian pamphlet similar to the [bicycle safety pamphlet](#) that has been around and was updated last year. Larry will work on a draft to provide to the committee as a subsequent meeting.

Meeting adjourned around 4:00 PM.

**Next Meeting:** February 27, 2019 1:00-3:00pm, NHDOT: Materials and Research, Room 205; (Call in option 888-206-2266 / PIN: 7978761#)

**Near-Future Meetings:** (note: no March meeting)

Feb. 27            April 24            May 22            June 26