



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Public Transportation Advisory Committee

October 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Town Council Chambers

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Present: Mike Hoffman, Austin Johnson, Madeleine Faust, Sönke Dornblut (Town Council Rep.), Lyndsay Butler (Town Engineer), Bart McDonough (Director of Planning & Community Development), Colin Lentz (SRPC Senior Transportation Planner), Mark Davie (SRPC Regional Planner)

Absent:

Sönke Dornblut opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

[time on DCAT 03:19]

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes

[time on DCAT 03:42]

a. Review of Minutes: September 11, 2024

The committee unanimously accepted the minutes as drafted.

3. Regular Business

[time on DCAT 05:03]

a. Review of community outreach responses relative to transportation

Colin and **Mark** introduced themselves and gave an overview of their presentation.

Colin explained that the survey results had a lot of focus on the downtown area, with respondents saying that there is difficulty finding parking, wanting to focus on improving and maintaining walkability, and giving a high rating of accessibility of downtown. General priorities include pedestrian and public safety, pedestrian access, parking, and transit. Bicycle and pedestrian priorities include connecting the Rockingham recreation trail to downtown, creating an off-road connection between Newmarket and Durham, and expanding sidewalks and trail networks to close gaps. To promote growth of downtown businesses, objectives include investing in the maintenance of the built environment, promoting and enhancing walkability for ease of access. For the question of if there was public transportation, would respondents use it, the responses were evenly split between yes and no, and others saying only if they did not have use of a car.

Sönke commended that the survey was easy to understand and well designed.

b. Master Plan: Transportation chapter development, data updates

Mark continued with a review of data from the 2001 Transportation chapter. **Colin** added how whenever someone uses a device with location services or mapping, TomTom gathers that data anonymously and it is able to show origins and destinations, or to gather speed data as an example. **Madeleine** asked if it is able to show how many people are

coming from Exeter or Durham to Newmarket. Clarification was provided that it would not have that level of specificity, but would show how many people are coming through Newmarket and stopping in town generally.

Mark continued by presenting the recommendations from the [2001 Transportation chapter](#) to rank them as completed, partially, not yet, need more information, to continue, or if no longer relevant. Discussion ensued regarding each of the 2001 goals.

Discussion also included how to increase connectivity when new developments are proposed through the subdivision regulations, such as proposing a change for the regulations to have this committee involved in those discussions to help guide mindful development as it pertains to transportation. Another option could be a member of this committee serving on Technical Review Committee to have input at that point in the process. **Bart** explained that currently, proposed developments complete a traffic impact analysis for vehicular traffic. That is reviewed by a traffic engineer and with proposed mitigation if it crosses that threshold for needing to provide improvements.

4. Other Business

[time on DCAT 1:16:20]

a. Topics to discuss at the next meeting (November 13, 2024)

Colin expressed that they will take this data and feedback from the survey to create draft goals and actions and come back with in November or December. **Sönke** asked if there could be a map at the next meeting to help visualize; it was consensus that maps would be available.

Sönke recommended that if SRPC is going to come back in December, then in November the committee could look at sample complete street policies, and further look at options for this committee to inform and interact with the Planning Board to make recommendations and see what would be the most feasible.

Bart also recommended that they go through the roadway classification. **Lyndsay** handed out examples of those categories and provided an overview of Manchester's for members to read through to revisit possibly next meeting.

Mike asked if they are going to assign goals for this committee, such as the Master Plan chapter being one as well as the complete streets and streetscapes, traffic safety, and parking, to help organize and define the committee. **Sönke** agreed that currently the Master Plan should be the main goal, and out of that chapter, there will be goals for what the committee should work toward.

5. Adjourn

[time on DCAT 1:36:54]

The committee unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Grotheer
Land Use Administrator

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