

Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC)
May 4th, 2017 – Transportation
Minutes

In attendance: vice chairman Bette Brunswick, Rick Milliard, Peg Poulin, Alyssa Bouthot, Tim Leary, Don Girouard, Sandy Guay, Cathy Stackpole, Peter Scontras, Neil Schuster, Claire Dube, and Garrick Hoffman (Biddeford Courier)
Staff present: Meghan McInnis Doyon
Guests: Tom Reinauer and Jamel Torres, SMPDC; Al Schutz, Rod Carpenter, and Perian Carpenter, ShuttleBus

1. **Announcements** – None
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** - None
3. **Speakers and Q&A**
4. **Adjourned** at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Discussion began by offering up goals. Claire offered, “Live, work, and play without a car.” Rick offered, “Expedite traffic moving through the city.” Group also reviewed the goals listed on the GPS provided by SMPC.

General policy comment: Peter offered that the goals should have active verbs. They should be measurable with outcomes. Don noted that he wanted to see far more detail like specifically what will be done.

We walked through each policy grouping.

Shuttlebus: Pulse is the Shuttlebus’s top priority. Group agreed. Shuttlebus would like to find more stops near vulnerable populations. Transportation center is phase 2 for them. Group agreed knowing that there may be some logistical challenges that would be worked out.

Alyssa offered that she would like to see bus schedules expanded, better hours, more routes, and a more friendly website with an app option.

Shuttlebus mentioned the difficulty of the current park and ride location. The secondary lot is rarely used if ever. Fortunately it is well used meaning it is full most days. The downside is that with the smaller size, busses do not have as much room, particularly in the winter. The group agreed to those points and more therefore would like to recommend adding it as a policy for bus or turnpike.

Train: Continue to promote train. Suggested making it easier to use the train to go to Logan. Understood that the possibility is slim.

Traffic: Noted 4 major areas of concern – Pepperell Square, triangle, TA to spur area of Rt 1, Scammon St intersection. Don suggested an alternative way was to create bypasses. This allows for more access points for businesses and open the flow of traffic. Rick suggested that you could extend it even further down through town to allow for other ways to move the traffic through the City. Alyssa suggested holding another forum with merchants of Main St and residents on how to better use Pepperell Square. The traffic study has been done, but another facilitated discussion of concerns may be helpful.

Pedestrian: Cathy mentioned working to integrate the trails so that residents do not have to walk down Bay View during the summer months.

Next meeting: May 18th, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.