

Project Advisory Committee Meeting #2 Notes

Upper Valley Intermodal Transportation Facility Alternatives Analysis Project

September 18, 2009

2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Lebanon City Council Chambers

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Comments on *Consultant Request for Proposals*

Cost proposal – earlier draft discussed hours in more depth (e.g., consultant hours by staff member). This is helpful and the committee asked to put this back in.

Group consensus is to forward document to DOT.

Comments on *Screening Criteria Phase I*

Are the criteria weighted equally?

Answer: Sites will be reviewed on a per-project basis.

- Add “regional” to Planning and Land Use Considerations Criteria 1.
- The best way to estimate the cost is to compare other sites in the region.
- Some people noted that siting the facility at the airport may encourage people to take transit to Boston or Manchester and fly from those cities.
- Benchmarks under item 2 (access to other modes) don’t fit well with the preceding sentence. The benchmarks should have language about quantifiable items. Maybe add “ease of access” after “adequacy.”

Group consensus is to go forward Phase 1 site criteria with changes.

Comments on *Screening Criteria Phase II*

- PAC needs to figure out weighting of criteria.
- Reword item 10 to quantify costs to transit. (Response: item 17 already does that).
- What about a question such as “does the site meet the needs of local carriers?”
- For the quantitative criteria, add a footnote that distributional impacts are important.

Comments on *Statement of Purpose and Need*

- Perhaps add that the existing Dartmouth Coach facilities are at capacity.
- Generically that we have capacity issues?
- Demand for a large park-and-ride is strong and should be mentioned too.
- We could add a note about congestion at existing park-and-rides.
- Add “potential” before accommodation in Other Goals item 4.
- This site needs to be expandable. Some feel 1500 spaces won’t be enough.

Comments on Outreach

- In Agenda handout, include information on how to comment.
- People need to know where the money is coming from.
- Maybe show people a map of regional transit providers to prove (1) Upper Valley is a hub and (2) inform public about existing options.
- Make sure people know this will be a nice place → get pictures from Kit Morgan. E.g., Portsmouth; Bridgeport, CT; Chattanooga;
- Have stats on environmental benefits.
- Use the term “regional transportation center” instead of Intermodal, a term which people may not understand.
- Add “PM” to time.

The following volunteered to serve on an Interview Subcommittee, Christine will be in touch to set a date.

- Dan, Paul, Julie, and Van

Set Schedule for PAC Meetings

2:00 Wednesday the October 14.

2:00 Friday November 13.