

Northeast Summit on Transportation and Conservation Planning December 17 & 18, 2007

FINAL AGENDA

(Half) DAY ONE - Plenary with all 3 states		
TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTER
9:00 am- 12 noon	Registration	Summit organizers
12 noon	Lunch <i>Room: The Ballroom</i>	Deli Buffet
12-12:30	Welcome and Introduction <i>Room: The Ballroom</i>	Summit organizers
12:30 - 1:30	Setting the stage with SAFETEA-LU: Integrating Conservation and Transportation Planning	Carol Adkins FHWA Office of Natural and Human Environment
1:30 - 2:30	Transportation Planning 101 - Panel discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is planning to you? 2. How are planning efforts funded? 3. Who is involved in transportation planning and what are the products? 4. How can transportation planning benefit from conservation plans? 5. What type of information is 	Tom Reinauer, Director Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (KACTS) (ME) Bill Watson, Administrator Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance New Hampshire Department of Transportation Scott Johnstone, Executive Director Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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	needed by transportation planners and at which stages?	
2:30 - 3:00	Break	
3:00 - 4:00	<p>Conservation Planning 101 - Panel discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is conservation planning to you? 2. How are planning efforts funded? 3. Who is involved in conservation planning and what are the products? 4. How can the integration of conservation and transportation planning benefit both agencies? 5. What type of information can conservation planners make available to transportation planners? 	<p>Steve Walker, Director Beginning with Habitat Program, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife</p> <p>Mike Marchand, Emily Brunkhurst New Hampshire Fish and Game Department</p> <p>John Austin, Director of Wildlife Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Department</p> <p>Carol Foss, NH Audubon</p>
4:00 - 5:00	Discussion	
5:00	Adjourn	
	Dinner on your own; reimbursed	

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DAY TWO: State Breakouts <i>States convene individually to discuss specific plans</i> <u>MAINE: Bartlette Room</u>		
TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTER
8:00-8:15	Day One refresher and feedback	Conf. Organizers
8:15-9:00	MPO and State transportation planning process - pass around copies of existing LRTP, STIP, examples of other plans; panelists should focus on basic purpose, goals and objectives of each.	Panel w/Duane Scott, MaineDOT; Jay Kamm, NMDC, Jeremy Gabrielson, WCPC; Tex Haeuser, PACTS
9:00-9:40	State laws - land use, growth management, zoning; implications at state level (LURC as well as SPO oversight); towns, regional planning, jurisdiction; focus on how each links transportation, habitat, and conservation planning or do they?	Panel w/Reps from DOC (Alan Stearns), SPO (Stacy Benjamin); IFW (Steve Walker)
9:40 - 9:45	What is "regional"?	Judy Gates will ask participants to write their reality or ideal for what defines a region.
9:45-	BREAK	Lobby

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10:00		
10:00-10:45	State Wildlife Action Plan - have copies on hand. Describe goals, objectives, and implementation. What is there, what's missing?	State F&G/wildlife agency- Steve Walker et al
10:45-11:00	Overview - Existing examples, role models in our state. Ten minutes from each panelist on how each process connects transportation and conservation.	Katrina VanDusen -Sagadahoc conservation planning; Kathy Fuller, Gateway 1; Gorham and Sanford Project Planning (Ray Faucher); others
11:00 - 11:45	Feedback on morning discussions. Are there any burning questions?	Duane Scott, facilitator
11:45-1:00	<i>LUNCH</i> <i>Room: The Ballroom</i>	Lunch speaker: Sue Morse, Keeping Track
1:00 - 1:10	What "regional" means. Highlight variation in definition. GIS map overlays of different regional constructs.	Stacy Benjamin, facilitator
1:00-2:30	WORKING DISCUSSION: <i>The Power of Opportunity</i> . § How are we doing on this plan? Do we feel optimistic	Deane Van Dusen, facilitator (Maine's Six Point Plan: 1. Integrate state transportation planning with State Wildlife Action Plan.

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	<p>or pessimistic about these goals?</p> <p>§ What processes or mechanisms are in place now that might provide a framework for points of this plan? Do we feel good about where we are?</p> <p>§ What can we do to move these efforts forward? How do we translate small ripples into big waves?</p> <p>§ Do any of these goals need to be broken down into smaller "bites"? Do any need to be revised or set aside?</p> <p>§ Who feels ownership of these points? Who has resources to move forward (e.g., \$, people, energy, time)?</p> <p>§ How does our reality now compare with our vision under this plan?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Develop and Complete statewide wildlife connectivity study 3. Work with FHWA to develop and clarify mitigation options 4. Improve outreach to regional planning commissions and towns 5. Integrate state transportation planning with local planning 6. Educate broader public.) <p>NOTE: To make best use of this very limited time, Maine participants will receive the six point plan and the questions to be discussed prior to the workshop and asked to put thought into their responses.</p>
2:30-2:45	BREAK	Lobby

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TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTER
8:00-8:15	Review of Day One	Conference Organizers
8:15-9:00	Transportation Planning in New Hampshire: Brief overview of Long Range Plans, Context Sensitive Solutions, Corridor Studies	Panel discussion with Bill Cass and others
9:00-9:45	Natural Resource Planning in New Hampshire: Brief overview of the State Wildlife action Plan, Brief Overview of the Natural Services Network and others	Panel discussion with Michael Marchand, Carolyn Russell and others
9:45-10:00	Break	Lobby
10:00-10:45	Land Use Planning in New Hampshire: Smart Growth? Etc	Amy Ignatius, Cliff Sinnott, Jill Robinson
10:45-11:45	State Examples of Note: Route 16 Corridor Study, Route 2	Ram Maddali and Ansel Sanborn of NHDOT and Kerrie Diers of NRPC

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	Corridor Study	
11:45-1:00	Lunch <i>Room: The Ballroom</i>	Lunch speaker: Sue Morse, Keeping Track
1:00-2:30	Facilitated Discussion of Approach to better linking our planning efforts. Prioritize our options	Charlie French, UNH Co-oper. Ext- Facilitator and Michelle Gagne
2:30-2:45	Break	Lobby

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TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTER
8:15 - 9:45	Session 1: Introduction to Transportation Planning in VT	State Level - Long Range Transportation Planning/Strategic Planning/Modal Planning/Corridor Planning/TPI Program - Mel Adams, VTrans Director of Planning Regional Level - MPO Planning - Scott Johnstone, Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Executive Director Project Development Planning - Kevin Marshia, VTrans Roadway, Traffic, and Safety Program Manager Moderator - Gina Campoli, VTrans Environmental Policy Manager
9:45 - 10:45	Session 2: Introduction to Natural Resources Planning in VT	Landscape Level Planning and other F&W Activities - Jens Hilke, ANR Conservation Planning Coordinator Wildlife Action Plan - Jon Kart, ANR Action Plan Coordinator Moderator: Chris Slesar, VTrans Environmental Specialist
10:45 - 11:00	BREAK	
11:00 - 11:45	Session 3: Land Use Planning in VT	State Level Programs - Act 200, Downtown and Growth Center Programs, Technical Assistance - Joss Besse, Agency of Commerce and Community Affairs Regional and Municipal Planning - Greg Brown, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Executive Director, Moderator: Vermont Planners Association Representative
11:45- 1:00	Lunch <i>Room: The Ballroom</i>	Lunch speaker: Sue Morse, Keeping Track

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1:00 -1:45 Program	VT Transportation and Conservation Success Stories (45 minutes)	Jens Hilke and local planners
1:45 -2:45	<p>Facilitated Break-Out Discussion:</p> <p>Participants will break into pre-assigned groups of 6. There will be a facilitator and scribe assigned to each group and given 1 hour to discuss and reach consensus if possible in addressing the following questions:</p> <p>How can consultation among agencies and organizations occur more effectively during the various planning processes, including the LRTBP?</p> <p>What data, maps, resource information are available? Are there information gaps? Are there impediments to sharing information?</p> <p>Are there unmet resource needs and how might they be addressed?</p> <p>The small groups will then reconvene, report back to the larger VT group and consolidate a report to the other states?</p>	

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CLOSING		
<i>All 3 states reconvene for individual state reports</i>		
2:45-2:50	Welcome back	
2:50-3:10	State Report: Maine	
3:10-3:30	State Report: New Hampshire	
3:30-3:50	State Report: Vermont	
3:50-4:15	Collaboration: Discuss opportunities to collaborate across state lines, share information, progress	
4:15-4:30	Adjourn	