

**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Regional Plan Committee Meeting Draft Minutes
February 22, 2023**

Members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Leven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marina Meerburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riki French
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linda Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Caldwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trevor Braun
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rich Pearson		Edmonds		

Staff: Salvador Morales, Rob Moore, Meghan Rodier

Brian Leven called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Call to order; Agenda Changes

No agenda changes

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 24th, 2023

Marina Meerburg moved to approve the January 24th minutes. Rich Pearson seconded. All were in favor.

Regional Plan Update

Salvador Morales, LCPC Planner, guided the Committee through the Regional Plan, Transportation, Flood Resilience: Background and Inventory, and Public Safety Strategy sections.

The Regional Plan Committee recommended the following changes to these sections:

Transportation

Page 77:

- Add a policy stating how towns should work together in transportation planning that impact primary transportation corridors. Reference the statute (Applicable wording under chapter 117) regarding traffic safety engineering.
- Add a policy to emphasize maintaining an efficient, accessible transportation system that balances efficiency and safety.

Page 78:

- Add action item below first policy; encourage roundabouts to be the desired traffic control as compared to traffic signals where practicable, depending on available ROW and traffic analysis.
- Add a policy to support exploring non-traditional public transit service models in Lamoille County such as Micro-Transit/ on-demand service.

Page 79:

- Add to third bullet point: including providing a maximum of an 11 foot wide travel lane to increase the available shoulder width for pedestrians, cyclists, and other means of travel.
- Add to 6th bullet point: and bicycle racks.
- Add to last bullet point: including providing bicycle racks within proposed development as well as installing bicycle racks on municipal properties.

Page 80:

- Delete “safe” from third bullet point.

Page 82:

- Add a policy regarding encouraging transportation demand management for traffic circulation and to enhance safety for all users of the transportation network.

Page 86:

- Change “Vehicle Miles Traveled” header to “AADT Volumes.”

Page 88:

- Add “NA” instead of “X” in table 3-16.
- Explain what it is greater than in 2nd paragraph (see comment on page 88).

Page 93:

- Mention that public transportation ridership is up. Note the overall percent increase of ridership in Lamoille County over the past 10 years. Refer to transit agency websites (GMT, RCT) for more information on public transit services (ridership data and transit routes). Remove ridership graphs on page 93.

Page 96:

- Add action item in Strategy section to encourage Park and Rides in village centers/downtown areas and near bike/pedestrian infrastructure and trail networks.
- Add insets for Park and Ride map (Lamoille County Transportation Resources) for the densely populated areas like Morrisville where it is harder to tell the location of the Park and Ride symbol.

Page 98:

- Add to last sentence of first paragraph: wider shoulders and sidewalks are desirable when practicable in order to provide a comfortable walking environment.

Page 105:

- Mention muddy roads mitigation practices (MRGP, check with Rob). Add in chapter or add as a policy?

Page 108:

- Mention the Smugglers’ Notch Parking and Stormwater Project.

Integrate maps throughout chapters.

Flood Resilience: Background and Inventory

Page 242:

- Mention the 2019 Halloween Storm under the Regional Impacts of Flooding section.

Page 243:

- Add the 2019 Halloween Storm (DR 474) to Table 4-19.

Page 245:

- Add photo of Ten Bends or the Wild Branch to show river meandering.

Public Safety: Strategy

Page 264

- Table 5-1: Add Stowe Mountain Rescue. Add the Dispatch Center under where the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department is listed.
- Add a policy that encourages towns to install 911 signs to enhance emergency response navigation.
- Add a policy that emphasizes the importance of radio/cellular communications in emergency response and identifying gaps in coverage for emergency response as well as opportunities to add “repeaters” to improve coverage.

- In body of Public Safety chapter note state programs for free smoke detectors.
- Add a policy about health equity since this section covers health and wellness. Policy or policies should address promoting public health/safety, accessibility to health care services, community green space, and opportunities that promote physical activity and well-being.

What's next?

Public Safety: Background and Inventory

Culture & Community: Strategy

Meeting adjourned: *Motion to adjourn made by Linda Martin. Motion seconded by Marina Meerburg.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm