

January 24, 2024

Rick Chellman, Chair
Portsmouth Planning Board
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH, 03801

Dear Mr. Chellman,

As we welcome the start of a new year, we are excited to announce that we are making some welcomed changes to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is one of two standing committees of the Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO is a federally designated entity, staffed by Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), that administers the urban transportation planning process for the 27 communities of the RPC.

The purpose of the TAC is to provide technical advice and recommendations to the MPO's Policy Committee concerning transportation issues that have a bearing on the region. Specifically, this often involves prioritizing transportation improvement projects, reviewing studies, and providing input to New Hampshire DOT and other agencies. The TAC has one appointed member from each community.

Portsmouth is currently an active member of the TAC. Your representative is Eric Eby, however, his term expired in 2021. Please confirm that Mr. Eby still wishes to participate in the TAC for the 2-year period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025, by completing the attached form. You must also complete a formal nomination process according to the following procedures: the Planning Board nominates a TAC representative for consideration by the Selectmen and the Selectmen make the appointment. RPC is then informed in writing by the Selectmen of the appointment. The date of appointment, name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the newly appointed commissioner should be included in the notification letter to RPC.

If Mr. Eby cannot or no longer wishes to serve on the TAC, a new representative can be appointed following the procedures outlined above. TAC members are often town/city planners, planning board members, public works employees, or other members of community leadership. Residents interested in transportation may also be appointed.

TAC meetings are normally held monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Rockingham Planning Commission offices. Beginning in 2024, meetings will take place at 12:00 and lunch will be provided. In the new year, we will also be offering TAC members with and updated orientation and training session, guest speakers, and opportunities to provide input on State Ten Year Plan priorities, the Long Range Transportation Plan, and the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan.

We look forward to your community's continued participation on this important committee and we thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact the RPC office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David Walker, Assistant Director

cc: Rick Chellman, Planning Board
Karen Conard, Town Administrator
Peter Britz, Beth Moreau, John Tabor, Deaglan McEachern, RPC Commissioners
Eric Eby, Current TAC Member

EXISTING APPOINTEE(S)

Name:
Address:

Home Phone:
Cell/Work Phone:
Email:

Alternate

Name:
Address:

Home Phone:
Cell/Work Phone:
Email:

Please check one of the following:

- The signature of the Appointing Official below confirms the above-named Existing Appointee(s) shall continue as the TAC representative(s) of the Rockingham MPO Transportation Advisory Committee for the 2-year period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. This person will officially be nominated to the position using the procedures outlined in the attached letter.
- The signature of the Appointing Official below confirms the above-named Existing Appointee(s) will no longer serve as the TAC representative(s) of the Rockingham MPO Transportation Advisory Committee. A new representative will be selected for the 2-year period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, using the procedures outlined in the attached letter.

Board of Selectmen

Date

****Please return this form by February 16, 2024.**