

## Meeting of the SRPC Commissioners

Friday, February 20, 2026 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting (Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office & via Zoom)

### 1. Introductions:

Chair P. Rasmussen called the meeting to order and asked for introductions:

P. Rasmussen, Durham; Michael Lehrman, Durham; Steve Stancel, Wakefield; Joe Boudreau, Rochester; Mark Richardson, Somersworth; Matt Towne, Barrington; Rick Healey, Rochester; Don Manter, Northwood; Michael Williams, COAST; Marshall Goldberg, Brookfield; Kate Buzard, Middleton; John Mullen, Middleton; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Krysta Gingue, Dover; Kean McDermott, Dover; Sarah Wrightsman, Newmarket; Steve Brown, Dover; Michael Bobinsky, Somersworth.

Staff present: Jen Czysz, Mark Davie, Colin Lentz, Michael Polizzotti

Commissioners and Committee members on Zoom: Jack Wade, NHDES; Lindsey Williams, Dover; Bill Wtson, NHDOT; Glen Griswold, Nottingham

Staff on Zoom: Lisa Murphy

P. Rasmussen announced that the Executive Committee appointed Steve Stancel from an alternate to a regular member of the EC, and that M. Lehrman was appointed Vice Chair to replace Peter Nelson, who resigned in January. Two alternate positions remain open.

### 2. Commissioner Roundtable

K. McDermott announced that May is Bike Month and noted that the 15th is Bike to Work Day. He added that the Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders organization is preparing its annual Bike Month celebration and continues to host bike-friendly events year-round. People are invited to reach out if they have questions or want to get involved or scheduled for events.

J. Boudreau reported that three companies have submitted early proposals to redevelop the Care Pharmacy property with a mix of residential and retail uses. He also spoke about regional housing projections, he feels optimistic about meeting demand but sees a continued shortage of lower-cost housing options, such as affordable apartments.

Finally, he highlighted growing regional infrastructure needs. Rochester is considering repairing or replacing the arena—estimated at \$5 million and \$20 million, respectively—and he emphasized that communities across the region will face significant costs for infrastructure improvements, particularly in water and sewer, in the coming years.

M. Towne provided a reminder of the workshop series held in the Barrington Library. ACLU is presenting on how you can use your personal power. The free event is scheduled March 12.

K. Gingue reported that the Dover Land Use Master Plan Chapter is finished and approved by the Planning Board and encouraged everyone to look at the overlay created for the zoning districts.

J. Czysz stated that there are two alternate vacancies on the Executive Committee and asked for volunteers to reach out to her or Megan.



### **3. Action Items**

#### **a. Minutes from December 19, 2025**

#### **b. Minutes from January 16, 2026**

M. Bobinsky motioned to accept the December 19 and January 16 minutes. Following discussion, S. Wrightsman seconded the motion and added an amendment to correct the attendance list in the January 16, 2026, minutes. All members voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **c. Mid-year Budget Adjustment**

J. Czysz stated that each year, we look at the budget and make any adjustments to reflect changes since the budget was adopted back in June. Each year as we set up the budget, there is some speculation and unknowns. This process allows us to update our budget within our financial reports and better track progress against the budget.

Some notable adjustments to the budget revenues include the reduction in funds to several projects that have taken longer to move through the contracting process or were slower to commence than anticipated. There were also several projects initially entered with smaller placeholder award amounts that have now been awarded and budgets firmed up. Additionally, there is the addition of a few new awards not previously anticipated.

On the expense side, differences include adjustments to staffing levels to cover for leaves of absence; confirmation of health plan selections post open enrollment; increased costs for computer replacements, office internet, and the annual audit; decrease in the anticipated travel costs; and various adjustments to outsourced contracts to reflect project progress.

S. Wrightsman moved to approve the proposed budget amendment with a second by M. Bobinsky. All members voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **d. Approval of CEDS strategy committee members**

M. Polizzotti reported that the Strafford Economic Development District (EDD) CEDS Strategy Committee held its first meeting on January 30, 2026. A list of voting and non-voting members is included in the packet for Commissioners to review.

Because of the timing of the CEDS kickoff, the initial committee membership was compiled using the categories outlined in the bylaws. Although the first meeting has already taken place, the full slate of members is being presented for formal review. As vacancies arise, the bylaws allow the committee to nominate and appoint new members internally to maintain balanced representation. Staff will continue outreach efforts to engage large employers and developers for future participation. Steve Stancel volunteered to serve on the Committee.

The Committee determined that previous motions should have been followed by a roll call vote.

S. Brown moved to approve the CEDS Strategy Committee members as presented and to reconsider the earlier votes using a roll call for those motions. M. Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted in favor. The motion passed. J. Wade and B. Watson abstain.

#### **e. 2026 Regional highway safety performance targets**

C. Lentz explained that federal law requires SRPC to set annual transportation safety performance targets for all public highways in the region. These targets reflect incremental progress toward the Vision Zero goal—eliminating all fatalities and serious injuries on New Hampshire roads, which SRPC has formally adopted as its guiding policy.

He reviewed the data sources and trends used to establish long-term goals, including seatbelt-use statistics and crash factors. The analysis shows that most crashes stem from human behavior—distraction, sun glare, texting while driving, alcohol use—as well as infrastructure issues such as inadequate signage and increased traffic volumes.

The recommended long-term goals for 2035 include:

- 75% reduction in fatalities
- 50% reduction in serious injuries
- 100% elimination of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

SRPC staff recommended setting regional targets for the number of fatalities and serious injuries, while supporting the statewide targets for the rates of those metrics. There was brief discussion on how emerging technologies, such as driverless vehicles, might influence future safety data.

Michael Bobinsky made a motion to approve the 2026 safety targets and seconded by M. Williams. A roll call vote was taken. All members voted unanimously in favor; motion passed.

#### **4. Discussion Items**

##### **a. Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress Analysis**

Mark Davie reported on the Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress analysis completed by SRPC and Rockingham RPC in partnership with COAST and UNH Wildcat Transit. The project, carried out through late 2024 and early 2025, created an accessibility and safety index for more than 300–400 transit stops across the two regions.

The analysis combined NHDOT roadway data, municipal sidewalk data, and information from the 2019 Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress project. It evaluated sidewalk and shoulder conditions, right-of-way width, traffic volumes, and speed limits. Each road segment received a stress score from 1–5 (where 1 represents low stress, 4 is high stress, and 5 is pedestrian-restricted), including separate scores for each side of the road and for street crossings.

Key deliverables included:

- A Transit Stop Study and PLTS conditions map
- A full report summarizing methodology and findings
- Site plan regulation guidance and model language for municipalities
- Suggested off-site improvement guidance and proposed revisions to Dover’s traffic impact analysis criteria. The project aims to help communities improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and planning around transit stops.

#### **5. Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **6. Citizens Forum**

No Citizens spoke.

#### **7. Adjourn**

At 10:47 AM-M. Bobinsky motioned to adjourn. D. Manter second. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Taylor-Fetter