

SRPC REGIONAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, August 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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

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Agenda Item	Time	Notes
1) Welcome and Introductions	10:30-10:35am	
2) Review of July Minutes	10:35-10:40am	Review draft minutes
3) LUE Progress Update and Feedback	10:40-11:10am	See memo
4) Climate Addendum Vision and Themes	11:10-11:25am	See memo
5) Citizen's Forum	11:25-11:30am	
6) Adjourn	11:30am	

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STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Be present at the scheduled start of the meeting.

Be respectful of the views of others.

Ensure that only one person talks at a time. Raising your hand to be recognized by the chair or facilitator is good practice.

Do not interrupt others or start talking before someone finishes.

Do not engage in cross talk.

Avoid individual discussions in small groups during the meeting. When one person speaks, others should listen.

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When speaking, participants should adhere to topics of discussion directly related to agenda items.

When speaking, individuals should be brief and concise when speaking.

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DATE: August 14, 2026

TO: SRPC Regional Plan Subcommittee

FROM: Kyle Pimental, Assistant Director
Lisa Wise, Regional Planner
Michael Polizzotti, Senior Economic Development Planner

RE: August 21, 2026 Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting

LUE Progress Update and Feedback

Staff are nearing completion of a partial draft of the Land Use and Environment (LUE) section of *Forward Thinking*.

Early next week, ahead of the Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting on August 17, you will receive a copy of the partial draft of the LUE section, along with key questions and items flagged for you to consider.

Please review this information once received and prepare any feedback you have for the upcoming Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting on August 21st.

Climate Addendum Vision and Themes

Staff have developed three potential proposed vision statements for the Climate Addendum for *Forward Thinking*. Additionally, themes pulled from the economic development (CEDS), transportation (MTP), and draft land use and environment sections have been parsed through to identify potential themes for the Climate Addendum.

Please review this information and prepare any feedback you have for the upcoming Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting on August 21st.



SRPC Regional Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee

Meeting 9: Friday, July 17, 2026 | Conference Room 1A

Mr. Davie called the meeting to order at 10:51am.

Members Present

Katrin Kasper, Lee
Mark Richardson, Somersworth
Sarah Wrightsman, Newmarket
Don Manter, Northwood
Steve Brown, Dover
Paul Rassmussen, Durham

Staff Present

Colin Lentz, Principal Planner
Mark Davie, Senior Planner
Lisa Wise, Regional Planner

Review of May Minutes

Ms. Kasper made a motion to approve the minutes from May as presented. Ms. Wrightsman seconded. All present members voted to approve the May meeting minutes.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Progress Update and Feedback

Mr. Davie gave an overview of the status of the MTP content. MTP is due to be adopted in September, and a draft was sent earlier this week. Mr. Lentz said the themes section is where the newest content is. The themes identify the direction we want the region to go – projects should line up with that direction.

Mr. Lentz explained that the MTP is required for every MPO. It's like an assembly line for projects, and tracks projects out to 20 years. We need to identify projects and also fiscal constraints. Baseline for projects in the MTP includes a clearly defined scope, ballpark cost estimate from an engineering firm, and ideally a conceptual design, so projects are ready for funding. Dave Walker made a spreadsheet that helps with fiscal constraint. The list looks at the State's 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), State's Ten-Year Plan, and then longer range planning. Generally assuming level funding and increasing inflation. The plan can't account for major shocks but is based on the best estimate for the amount of money available for transportation projects (federal, state, and local). The spreadsheet is broken out by specific funding type/program. Mr. Lentz showed the total estimated cost for long-range projects in five-year groups, compared to the fiscal constraint limit. We make sure any 5-year bin doesn't have more projects than anticipated budget. Ms. Kasper noted there are external factors we lack control over.

Mr. Manter noted that interstate highways were built to handle massive tractor trailer traffic, but our little side roads also get that traffic and the towns have to pay the costs for maintenance and repair. Mr. Lentz noted that some of the federal/state funding goes to



municipalities for paving, but there are gaps. Mr. Rasmussen noted the changes in traffic we're seeing with much more delivery traffic than roads were originally designed for. Another issue is that many of these vehicles are not registered in NH, so they're using the roads but not contributing through registration fees. Also seeing many utility and contractor vehicles that are from out of state – these are some of the heaviest users but they're not paying via registration.

Ms. Kasper mentioned that legislation was just passed around charging more for the weight of an electric vehicle, so there is that ability to charge more for certain types of vehicles. You're doing business in another state but not paying for the infrastructure you're using. Also need to address weight for many types, not just EVs. Mr. Davie mentioned the local option fee only has so much of an impact (and that's only for NH registrations). Mr. Brown highlighted the underlying issue of revenue generation in the state.

Mr. Lentz pointed to the "State of Good Repair" section. That is a place these issues can be highlighted. Mr. Brown suggested these issues be called out more specifically.

Mr. Lentz mentioned the MTP content will be broken into multiple documents so it's easier to navigate. He also showed an example of how each project is assessed for potential impact and benefits (considering people and the environment). We are at the beginning of the assembly line, and Mr. Lentz is working with municipalities to develop projects that they need, put them in the MTP, and find funding for them. SRPC hires engineering firms every two years to help move the projects forward. Mr. Lentz also showed the new online tracker, developed by EcoInteractive, that maps the projects and shows information about each project. This is not publicly available yet but the plan is for it to be ready when the MTP goes out for public comment. Mr. Manter mentioned the need to sort the projects in other ways than A-Z by community (those earlier in the alphabet could get preference).

Mr. Brown asked about the federal government's shift away from alternative transportation and how that should be addressed in the plan. Mr. Lentz brought up the recent FHWA removal of bike lanes and speed cameras from their list of proven safety measures. He said that towns aren't restricted in their ability to do these kinds of projects, but we don't yet know if it will impact federal funding for these types of projects. The best practices haven't changed. Mr. Rasmussen mentioned it might change the priorities for funding. Mr. Lentz mentioned encouraging ways to achieve goals at lower cost and higher efficiency (e.g., smaller scale ways to improve safety without price tag and red tape). Another safety issue Mr. Richardson brought up is increasing use of electrical bikes, scooters, and even wheelchairs in the street, and Mr. Rasmussen noted some communities are prohibiting those from sidewalks.

Mr. Davie noted the needs to add content regarding the issues discussed today. A next step is to have a similar conversation at the August TAC meeting. Public comment will start soon and a final draft will be presented to the Full Commission in August.



Land Use & Environment Discussion

Vision Statement Options

The group expressed a preference for Options 1 and 3. All were too long, so the group focused in on the first sentence of the options. The other content is good but is more like process than vision. Mr. Davie drafted an updated version based on the conversation:

The Strafford Region will be a place where communities collaborate to support a resilient environment, accommodate housing and infrastructure needs, and ensure a high quality of life.

Mr. Rasmussen moved to approve this version, Ms. Wrightsman seconded, all approved.

Regional Overview

Mr. Davie described that there are a lot of options for how we approach the regional overview section and showed some examples from another plan. Ms. Wrightsman noted liking the example that visually emphasizes water. Mr. Davie will send the example plan these images come from. Mr. Brown is thinking about a bioregional approach.

Meeting Adjournment

Ms. Wrightsman motioned adjournment; Mr. Brown seconded. All in favor.



SRPC Regional Plan Climate Addendum

Handout for Subcommittee Meeting 8/21/2026

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT options for feedback:

1. *Very succinct* – Strafford Region communities will be prepared for extreme weather, resilient to long-term climate change, and committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. *More specific on types of activities* – The Strafford Region will be prepared for extreme weather and long-term climate change by having proactive plans, advancing resilient and efficient infrastructure projects, encouraging climate-smart development and land use planning, protecting natural resources, fostering inclusive and connected communities, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
3. *More people-driven* – Strafford Region communities will be equipped to make smart and equitable investments in the future. The Strafford Region will be resilient in a way that ensures recovery from adverse climate impacts and mitigates future risks through thoughtful planning. By building on existing strengths and proactively addressing vulnerabilities, the Strafford Region will be a place where all can thrive in the face of a changing climate.

DRAFT THEMES for feedback:

- Resilient and Efficient Infrastructure
- Climate-Smart Development and Land Use
- Prepared, Healthy, and Connected Communities
- Community Health and Resilience
- Community Engagement and Education

LENSES (consistent with CEDS, MTP, and LUE):

- Regional Partnerships and Collaboration
- Resiliency and Future Readiness
- Quality of Life and Community Identity
- Age Friendliness