

SRPC REGIONAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, September 19, 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 August Minutes	10:35-10:40am	Review draft minutes
3) Climate Addendum Vision, Themes, and Actions	10:40-11:25am	See memo
4) Citizen's Forum	11:25-11:30am	
5) Adjourn	11:30am	

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Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Strafford Economic Development District

Meeting Etiquette

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.

Active participation is encouraged from all members.

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

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

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission & Metropolitan Planning Organization holds both public meetings and public hearings.

For public meetings, guests are welcome to observe, but should follow proper meeting etiquette allowing the meeting to proceed uninterrupted. Members of the public who wish to be involved and heard should use venues such as Citizen Forum, Public Hearings, Public Comment Periods, outreach events, seminars, workshops, listening sessions, etc.



DATE: September 11, 2026

TO: SRPC Regional Plan Subcommittee

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

RE: September 18, 2026 Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting

Climate Addendum Vision, Themes, and Actions

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 the handout included in the memo, and prepare any feedback you have for the upcoming Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting on September 18th.

Additionally, please come prepared to discuss and brainstorm action items to be included in the Climate Addendum:

- Adaptation (preparing for the impacts of climate change)
- Mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions to lessen the amount of climate change we will face)
- For each theme, what actions need to be taken to realize the vision?



SRPC Regional Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee

Meeting 10: Friday, August 21, 2026 | Conference Room 1A

Mr. Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 10:49am.

Members Present

Steve Brown, Dover
Katrin Kasper, Lee
Don Manter, Northwood
Paul Rasmussen, Durham
Mark Richardson, Somersworth

Staff Present

Mark Davie, Senior Planner
Kyle Pimental, Assistant Director
Lisa Wise, Regional Planner

Review of July Minutes

Ms. Kasper made a motion to approve the minutes from July as presented. Mr. Rasmussen seconded. All present members voted to approve the July meeting minutes.

Land Use and Environment (LUE) Progress Update and Feedback

Mr. Pimental provided an overview of the Land Use and Environment chapter feedback sought from this group previously. The vision statement was addressed at the previous meeting and today the group will focus on the themes. Each theme has a high-level goal statement, like the CEDS and MTP portions of the regional plan. Mr. Richardson inquired about the inclusion of the funding structure of the plan. Mr. Pimental elaborated on HUD's funding of the plan itself and stated that staff would be prepared to acknowledge this in the plan.

Mr. Rasmussen suggested that Theme 4, Community Education & Engagement, should be the first theme. Others concurred. The group discussed misinformation, social media, and the role of artificial intelligence in public discourse. Mr. Rasmussen discussed housing and development trends in Durham. Mr. Manter contrasted the economic levers available to Durham and SRPC communities with those of communities in the North Country region of the state. Mr. Brown suggested revising the goal statement of Theme 4 to include "community would have a shared understanding of the challenges and goals..." and reiterated replacing it to being the first theme. Others concurred.

Mr. Brown suggested "effective" instead "effective" use of space in the goal statement of Theme 2.

Mr. Manter suggested removing the word "growing" from the population description in the Regional Overview.

Mr. Rasmussen felt that the goal statement of Theme 1 reads awkwardly. Ever changing, evolution, etc...? scrap the first sentence?



Mr. Manter reflected on changing lifestyle preferences in New Hampshire across different generations.

Mr. Richardson, Mr. Rasmussen, and Mr. Manter discussed housing demand. Mr. Manter considered if there would be a surplus of housing in the future in the event that the housing market crashes or older adults “age out” of the population. Mr. Rasmussen believes a housing market crash could lead to New Hampshire becoming a hub for affordable housing. Mr. Brown added that volatile insurance rates in warmer states will continue to make the northeast attractive. Mr. Pimental recalled a previous presentation to the commission where projections suggest that New Hampshire relies on immigration to the state for any population increases it receives. Mr. Brown suggested that this conversation relates to the regional collaboration theme found in this plan. Mr. Richardson and Ms. Kasper discussed equity within the SRPC region and the different roles of the communities. Mr. Pimental stated the content of the plan will need to delineate trends for the region compared to intra-new England trends. Mr. Rasmussen stated he is indifferent on whether to attach “climate” to “migration” in the plan because the region has proven to be a destination anyhow regardless of trends in warmer states. Mr. Rasmussen asked for in-migration projections to be included.

Mr. Rasmussen felt that Theme 3 may be “clunky.” He stated that perhaps conservation and recreation should be split to keep the discussions separate. Others concur. Mr. Pimental relayed a previous plan for Wagon Hill Farm that was an example of this at a particular site in the region. The group discussed challenges in federal funding mandates of public access in the above example of an environmentally-sensitive property.

Staff requests comments by September 10. Members request a reminder in the week before.

Ms. Kasper motioned adjournment; Mr. Brown seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:39am.



SRPC Regional Plan Climate Addendum

Handout for Subcommittee Meeting 9/18/2026

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:

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

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

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

ACTIONS

- Start to brainstorm actions for the Climate Addendum, including both:
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