

# STRAFFORD

Regional Planning Commission

**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization  
 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
 Friday May 1, 2026 from 9:00am - 10:30am  
 Location: Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office (Remote access via Zoom)**

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Agenda Item	Time	Pre-Meeting Task/Notes
<b>1. Introductions</b>	9:00-9:05	
<b>2. Community Updates</b>	9:05 - 9:15	Round table discussion
<b>3. Action Items</b> a. Minutes from April 3, 2026	9:15-9:20	See packet
<b>4. Information &amp; Discussion Items</b> b. 2026 Data Snapshot Presentation c. Metropolitan Transportation Plan	9:20 - 10:15	Presentation to be made at meeting
<b>5. Other Business</b>	10:15-10:30	
<b>6. Adjourn</b>		

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## **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### Strafford Regional Planning Commission Meeting Etiquette

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Be present at the scheduled start of the meeting.

Be respectful of and open to 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.



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**DATE:** May 1, 2026

**TO:** SRPC Technical Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Colin Lentz, Principal Transportation Planner

**RE:** May 2026 Meeting Discussion Items & Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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## Information & Discussion Items:

### 2026 Data Snapshot Update

Staff have completed work on the 2026 update to the Regional Data Snapshot, including 160 metrics related to demographics, transportation, economic development, resilience, housing, etc. <https://straffordrpcnh.gov/measure/data-snapshot/>

### Metropolitan Transportation Plan – goal setting

Staff will lead members through an exercise to develop and refine goals and objectives for the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The update draft will be presented to SRPC committee members multiple times leading up to a public hearing on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Draft Schedule of Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

**Monthly Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, 9-10:30 AM, SRPC Office, Conf. Room 1A

**Quarterly Field Trips:** Thursdays, 3:45-5:30 PM, in Sept., Dec., Feb., and Jun.

Date	Location	Tentative Agenda Items
Fri. June 5, 2026 9-10:30 AM	SRPC	To Be Determined





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Friday April 3, 2026 from 9:00am - 10:30am**

**1. Introductions**

At 9:00AM Chair Michelle Mears called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

**Members attending in person:** Michelle Mears, City of Somersworth; Mac Bevier, NHDES; Katrin Kasper, Town of Lee; Michael Williams, COAST; April Talon, Town of Durham; Bruce Woodruff, Town of Milton; Gretchen Young, City of Rochester

**Members Attending remotely:** Leigh Levine, FHW; Michael Nadeau; Donna Benton, City of Dover; William Rose, NHDOT.

**Staff in person:** Colin Lentz, Jen Czysz

**Staff online:** Kyle Pimental, SRPC; Natalie Gemma, Rachel Dewey

**Guests online:** Andrew MacPerson, Town of Durham

**2. Community Updates**

M. Bevier reported that NHDES has two new funding opportunities to replace old diesel vehicles:

- \$2.5 million through Volkswagen mitigation trust available for on-road units for replacement through the Granite State Clean Fleets – open to public entities up to 95% reimbursement of eligible costs for projects replacing Class 4-8 diesel vehicles, engines and equipment.
- \$1 million is also available through the NH Clean Diesel program. Funded through EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA), this is a competitive reimbursement program providing between 25% to 100% reimbursement of eligible costs for projects replacing on-road and non-road diesel units. Primarily for private entities.

Katrin Kasper noted two upcoming events in May hosted by Clean Energy NH as part of "Energy Week":

- Energy-Efficient Housing in Barrington: Explore three totally different solutions to making housing energy efficient. Tour a brand new ADU, a

retrofit of another home, and a third energy efficient home all in Barrington. Tuesday May 5th from 4-6pm. More details of where to start will be coming.

- Ribbon Cutting in Lee at the Public Library: Thursday May 7th at 10:00am. People can see how it's set up and learn more about ensuring your community has at least one building in town that will keep running no matter what. 603 Solar will be there to answer any questions as well.
- Keep an eye on the NH Energy Week website for more event announcements.

M. Mears reported that Somersworth staff recently participated in a meeting with Maine and New Hampshire DOTs about emergency planning around potential closures of the Piscataqua River high-level bridge.

### **3. Action Items**

#### **a. Minutes from February 6, 2026**

Williams Moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2026. Second by L. Butler. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in favor. The motion passed.

#### **b. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 4**

C. Lentz stated public comment formally starts formally Monday. SRPC needs to process an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program. It contains only one project (intersection safety improvements in US4/Madbury Rd). A public hearing will be held at the Commission meeting on April 17th at 9:00am to consider the amendment.

M. Williams moved to approve Amendment 4 of the Transportation Program. Second by L. Butler. Following discussion on projects that do not make the TIP and alternatives to proceed, a roll call vote was taken with all members voting in favor. The motion passed.

### **4. Information and Discussion Items**

#### **a. 10 Year Plan and Long Range Projects**

C. Lentz began a discussion about project development and prioritization. This includes projects for SRPC's longrange Metro Plan, and for 10-year plan projects. We will not be soliciting new projects for the 10-year plan. Efforts need to focus on demonstrating local support and feasibility of advancing current 10-yr plan projects, and projects removed from the plan during the current update cycle. Metro Plan projects also need to be reviewed for local priority and will be scored in coming months.

TAC members discussed challenges and possibilities for alternative approaches to generating revenue through development to fund transportation improvements. One of the central questions is how to incrementally finance transportation corridor improvements and avoid expensive, large scale projects that dwarf local budgets.

SRPC is working on updating its travel demand model for use in projecting travel demand and development patterns. When that tool is ready, SRPC can begin modeling corridor development scenarios and possible funding mechanisms.

### **b. Cooperative Infrastructure Funding**

C. Lentz stated that past commission and TAC meetings have included discussion about innovative approaches to funding transportation infrastructure improvements. Development is a good thing, but can rapidly outstrip the capacity of a transportation system and create safety hazards. Communities are usually left to fund expensive infrastructure projects (such as the NH108 complete streets project). Are there ways to fund transportation infrastructure improvements through the gains from economic development, without disincentivizing development?

The group discussed options for incrementally funding and implementing transportation improvements as alternative to large, expensive "catch-up" projects.

### **5. Adjourn**

M. Mears moved to adjourn. Second by M. Williams. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Taylor-Fetter