

STRAFFORD

Regional Planning Commission

Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday September 11, 2026 from 9:00am - 10:30am

Location: Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office (Remote access via Zoom)

In accordance with RSA 91:A, the Commission requires a minimum of an in-person quorum. To organize this, the Commission staff will confirm the necessary in-person attendance. It is the preference of the Commission that others participate via Zoom, however, guests may attend the meeting at the SRPC Office. All participants, both in-person and virtual, can communicate contemporaneously. View the remote access information below.

Meeting Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27262379404895?p=xPslvnPfJqLnw44l2h>

Meeting ID: 272 623 794 048 95

Passcode: 6KA7gP3Y

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Agenda Item	Time	Pre-Meeting Task/Notes
1. Introductions	9:00-9:05	
2. Community Updates	9:05 - 9:15	Round table discussion
3. Information & Discussion Items a. Marc Palermo (NHDOT) – collecting local safety concerns and projects for review by NHDOT safety section and possible low-cost solutions.	9:15 – 9:30	Draft MTP in packet; Presentations to be made at meeting
4. Action Items b. Minutes from August 7, 2026 c. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 6 d. Draft 2026-2050 Metro Plan Update	9:30-10:25	Draft MTP link
5. Other Business	10:25-10:30	
6. Adjourn		

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Strafford Regional Planning Commission Meeting Etiquette

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: September 1, 2026

TO: SRPC Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Colin Lentz, Principal Transportation Planner

RE: September 11, 2026 Meeting Discussion Items & Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Information & Discussion Items:

Marc Palermo from NHDOT will be discussing local safety projects for potential compilation in a database and review by the NHDOT safety section for possible low-cost solutions. Come to the meeting with local projects in mind and review the Regional Safety Action Plan.

https://docs.straftordrpcnh.gov/documents/plans/mpo/sap_2025.pdf

Action Items

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment 6

Amendment 6 to the 2025-2028 TIP proposes changes to one local project (the Dover Community Trail and one statewide "programmatic" (underwater bridge inspection). The amendment will be in public comment from September 4th, through September 17th, before a hearing at the Commission meeting on September 18th.

Draft 2026 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

A public comment period for the draft update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Metro Plan) began on August 14th. The draft primarily updates themes, goals, and objectives that were developed from recent outreach for the Regional Comprehensive Plan and reviewed by a Steering Committee of Commissioners. The financial plan was also updated to reflect current funding estimates.

View the MTP draft here: <https://straftordrpcnh.gov/2026/08/14/public-comment-period-amendments-to-the-metropolitan-transportation-plan/>

The Metro Plan draft update will include the public launch of an online project database and viewer. The online database has other project development functions that are under development.

Online project database: <https://straftordrpc.ecointeractive.com/>

Draft Schedule of Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Monthly Meetings: 1st 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. October, 2, 2026 9-10:30 AM	SRPC	To be developed





**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday August 6, 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; Katrin Kasper, Town of Lee; Michael Williams, COAST; Bruce Woodruff, Town of Milton; Gretchen Young, Rochester; Donna Benton, Dover; John Mullen, Middleton;

Guests attending in Person: Polly Perkins, NHDES

Members Attending remotely: Richard Krauss, Milton; William Rose, NHDOT; Amanda Gourgue; William Rose, NHDOT,

Staff in person: Colin Lentz, Jen Czysz

Staff online: Rachel Dewey

Guests online: Tim Bouldry, NHDES;

2. Community Updates

T. Bouldry reported on two grant programs: The NH Clean Diesel Grant which still has \$640,000 remaining, and second, the Granite State Clean Fleets which is down to \$500,000 remaining. He encouraged interested parties to register as funds are getting low.

M. Williams shared that the fundraising for the new COAST facility continues. They received 1 million dollars from a private doner and since this is a challenge grant, they need to match that. Since this is a federal grant, it needs to match 4 times over.

3. Action Items

a. Minutes from April 3, 2026

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

b. Officer Elections

J. Mullen motioned to keep the current officers, Michele Mears as Chair and Michael Williams as Vice Chair. B. Woodruff second. All members voted in favor by roll call vote. The motion passed.

4. Information and Discussion Items

a. Draft 2026-2050 Metro Transportation Plan Preview

TAC members got a preview of a draft that will be going out for public comment starting on Friday, August 14th. A full draft will be presented at the September TAC meeting leading up to the public hearing at the September 18th Commission meeting.

Colin summarized the Metro Plan as a 20-year transportation planning document that guides regional projects, funding, and priorities. The plan incorporates data analysis, public input, environmental considerations, and performance measures, while aligning with the state's 10-year plan and current TIP. He also reviewed funding projections, noting capacity for additional future projects, and outlined plans to work with communities this fall to update and prioritize local transportation projects.

b. NH Stream Crossing Initiative -Polly Perkins (NHDES)

Polly Perkins (NHDES) presented on the New Hampshire Stream Crossing Initiative, which has assessed more than 20,000 culverts and bridges using extensive data on condition, flood resilience, fish passage, and stream compatibility. The initiative aims to consolidate this information into accessible tools and resources to help communities identify and address vulnerable crossings before they become costly emergency repairs.

She also highlighted available funding opportunities and a funding-reference table that helps communities match projects with appropriate grant programs. While the data and funding resources are publicly available, navigating them can be complex, and Polly and SRPC are available to assist communities in evaluating crossings, identifying funding sources, and advancing replacement or resilience projects. The NHDES Stream Crossing Initiative website serves as a central resource for project information and tools.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. 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 10:19AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Taylor-Fetter



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding Amendments to the: 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program with corresponding updates to the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), functioning as the federally mandated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Strafford Region, is holding a comment period and public hearing for the proposed Amendment #6 to the *2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. The TIP is a prioritized list of federal and state funded regional transportation projects programmed for the next four years. The amendment is necessary to account for project changes and to maintain consistency with the *2025-2028 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*. SRPC is conducting this process in accordance with SRPC's public involvement procedures and federal and state regulations.

Amendment #6 impacts projects listed in the *2025-2028 TIP* which is part of the *2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)* for the region. Full amendments to the TIP require a public comment period, a public hearing, and approval by the SRPC Commissioners. A public comment period for this amendment will be open from **Friday, September 4, 2026, to Thursday, September 17, 2026** and will end following a public hearing held by the SRPC Policy Committee on **Friday, September 18, 2026 at 9:00 am.**

The public hearing can be attended in-person at the SRPC office or virtually through this link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26158346669748?p=4xytesfYGFhcig30qO>

Copies of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth public libraries and city halls, as well as the Strafford Regional Planning Commission office and website. Copies can be sent to interested parties upon request. If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting, please call (603) 994-3500 x102 or e-mail clentz@straffordrpcnh.gov

Copies can be sent to interested parties upon request.
Comments can be sent via mail, email, and fax to:

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As of July 20, 2013 all of New Hampshire is unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (the 2008 ozone standard); the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (the 1997 ozone standard) is revoked for transportation conformity purposes in the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE), NH area.

University of New Hampshire Wildcat Transit and the Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation have adopted Strafford RPC's Transportation Improvement Program and Public Participation Plan for the development and maintenance of their Program of Projects (POP). As required in 49 CFR 613, 23CFR 450, and FTA Circular 9030.1E, this publication serves as notice that the public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the TIP will satisfy the POP public review requirements of the Section 5307 Program for public transportation providers.

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41373 -DOVER

State ID	Lead Agency	Project Type	Performance Measures
41373	Muni/Local	To Be Assigned	-
Functional Classification			
NA			
Project Description			
Construct multi-use path from Knox Marsh Rd. to Bellamy Rd.			
Regional Planning Commission	Clean Air Code	Regionally Significant	
SRPC	ATT	No	

Adding 2026 phase (\$392,000)

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FUTURE	TOTAL
PE	TAP-50K to 200K	\$0	\$20,000	\$392,000	\$20,538	\$0	\$0	\$432,538
PE	TAP-Flex	\$55,664	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,664
PE	TAP-Transportation Alternatives	\$69,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,314
PE	Towns	\$31,244	\$5,000	\$98,000	\$5,134	\$0	\$0	\$139,378
Total PE		\$156,222	\$25,000	\$490,000	\$25,672	\$0	\$0	\$696,894
ROW	TAP-50K to 200K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,400	\$0	\$0	\$34,400
ROW	Towns	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,600	\$0	\$0	\$8,600
Total ROW		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000	\$0	\$0	\$43,000
CON	Non Par Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$117,068	\$0	\$117,068
CON	TAP-50K to 200K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$254,660	\$0	\$254,660
CON	Towns	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,665	\$0	\$63,665
Total CON		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$435,393	\$0	\$435,393
Total Prior Costs		\$156,222	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$156,222
Total Programmed		\$156,222	\$25,000	\$490,000	\$68,672	\$435,393	\$0	\$1,175,287

Previously Approved Amendment 41373 - DOVER

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Functional Classification			
NA			

Project Description

Construct multi-use path from Knox Marsh Rd. to Bellamy Rd.

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PE	TAP-50K to 200K	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,538	\$0	\$0	\$40,538
PE	TAP-Flex	\$55,664	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,664
PE	TAP-Transportation Alternatives	\$69,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,314
PE	Towns	\$31,244	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,134	\$0	\$0	\$41,378
Total PE		\$156,222	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,672	\$0	\$0	\$206,894
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ROW	Towns	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,600	\$0	\$0	\$8,600
Total ROW		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000	\$0	\$0	\$43,000
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CON	Towns	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,665	\$0	\$63,665
Total CON		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$435,393	\$0	\$435,393
Total Prior Costs		\$156,222	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$156,222
Total Programmed		\$156,222	\$25,000	\$0	\$68,672	\$435,393	\$0	\$685,287

UBI - PROGRAM

State ID	Lead Agency	Project Type	Performance Measures
UBI	DOT	To Be Assigned	-
Functional Classification			
NA			
Project Description			
Underwater Bridge Inspection (Annual Project)			
Regional Planning Commission	Clean Air Code	Regionally Significant	
-	E-38	No	

Adding phases and funding in 2027 (\$209,440) 2028 (\$117,600)

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FUTURE	TOTAL
PE	STBG-State Flexible	\$378,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$378,800
PE	Toll Credit	\$94,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94,700
Total PE		\$473,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$473,500
OTHER	Betterment	\$0	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,000
OTHER	NHDOT Operating Budget	\$0	\$67,824	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,824
OTHER	STBG-State Flexible	\$326,400	\$70,400	\$148,165	\$167,552	\$94,080	\$1,251,552	\$2,058,149
OTHER	Toll Credit	\$81,600	\$17,600	\$37,041	\$41,888	\$23,520	\$312,888	\$514,537
OTHER	Turnpike Renewal & Replacement	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Total OTHER		\$408,000	\$220,824	\$185,206	\$209,440	\$117,600	\$1,564,440	\$2,705,510
Total Prior Costs		\$881,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$881,500
Total Future Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,564,440	\$1,564,440
Total Programmed		\$881,500	\$220,824	\$185,206	\$209,440	\$117,600	\$1,564,440	\$3,179,010

Previously Approved Amendment UBI - PROGRAM

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UBI	DOT	To Be Assigned	-
Functional Classification			
NA			
Project Description			
Underwater Bridge Inspection (Annual Project)			

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PE	Toll Credit	\$94,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94,700
Total PE		\$473,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$473,500
OTHER	Betterment	\$0	\$55,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000
OTHER	NHDOT Operating Budget	\$0	\$67,824	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,824
OTHER	STBG-State Flexible	\$326,400	\$70,400	\$148,165	\$0	\$0	\$473,600	\$1,018,565
OTHER	Toll Credit	\$81,600	\$17,600	\$37,041	\$0	\$0	\$118,400	\$254,641
OTHER	Turnpike Renewal & Replacement	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Total OTHER		\$408,000	\$220,824	\$225,206	\$0	\$0	\$592,000	\$1,446,030
Total Prior Costs		\$881,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$881,500
Total Future Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$592,000	\$592,000
Total Programmed		\$881,500	\$220,824	\$225,206	\$0	\$0	\$592,000	\$1,919,530