

2013-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Policy Committee shall be to provide a forum for the development of regional transportation policies for the SMPO and to act as a vehicle to coordinate the implementation of these policies.

The Policy Committee is responsible for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process as required by SAFTEA-LU and related federal implementing regulations. This responsibility is carried out through oversight of the UPWP and through the development, review and approval of the Prospectus, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Determination. SMPO activities related to these responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Establish the policy directions of the SMPO through its adopted plans and policy statements.
- Establish procedures and requirements whereby federal transportation funds will be allocated and made available in cooperation with the NHDOT.
- Adopt, review and/or revise the UPWP, Prospectus, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, TIP and Conformity Determination.
- Review and comment on individual projects, programs, plans and reports relative to the adopted transportation policies and positions.
- Request, review and endorse technical reports and studies prepared by the SMPO staff or consultants.
- Ensure compliance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 through periodic conformity evaluation and a determination.
- Adopt, review and/or revise policies relative to the findings of the TAC, including technical reports and memoranda.
- Provide a mechanism to facilitate and broaden public involvement in transportation planning and decision-making processes.
- Coordinate and prioritize transportation projects to be implemented with Federal and/or State assistance.
- Monitor and participate in transportation policy-making activities with the NHDOT and the transportation or other relevant committees of the NH General Court.
- Collaborate in the development of public transit and multi-modal plans.

Their appointed regional planning commissioners will represent each municipality within the SMPO boundaries. Each commissioner shall have one vote. Communities are entitled to appoint as many voting representatives as permitted per RSA 36:46, III.

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Figure 3: Members of the SMPO Policy Committee

VOTING		NON-VOTING
Municipalities	Agencies	Agencies
Barrington (2)	NHDOT (1)	FHWA
Brookfield (2)	UNH (1)	FTA
Dover (1)*	COAST (1)	NHDOT - ARD
Durham (3)	NHDES-ARD (1)	NHDOT - BRT
Farmington (2)		NN OEP
Lee (2)		RPC
Madbury (2)		SMRPC
Middleton (2)		Maine DOT
Milton (2)		NH Transit Association
New Durham (2)		FRA
Newmarket (2)		PDA/NH Port Authority
Northwood (2)		
Nottingham (2)		
Rochester (4)		
Rollinsford (2)		
Somersworth (3)		
Strafford (2)		
Wakefield (2)		

*NOTE - Communities that are not paying annual dues to SRPC shall have one representative, and one alternate, equal to one vote.