

STRAFFORD

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting
Combined Meeting of the Stafford EDD & Strafford MPO
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 20 2022
9:00 – 11:00 AM
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Hybrid Meeting
Rochester, NH

Introductions

9:07 Chair David Landry called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Committee members present: Bill Fisher, Farmington; Peter Nelson, Newmarket, Lee; Barbara Holstein, Rochester; Rick Michaud, Somersworth; Michael Williams, COAST; David Landry, Dover; Karen Golab, Milton; Larry Brown, Milton, Glen Davison, DOT, Tom Crosby, Madbury;

Committee Members participating remotely: Tim White, DES,

Staff members present: Jen Czysz, Colin Lentz,

Staff attending remotely: Megan Taylor-Fetter, Rachel Dewey, Jackson Rand, Natalie Moles, Stephen Geis, James Burdin, Marc Davie, Zuzy Duffy, and Rachel Dewey,

At 9:08 a.m. The meeting convened as the Strafford Economic Development District

1. Discussion Items

- a. **Presentation and discussion of draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).**

SRPC staff James Burdin, Natalie Moles and Zuzy Duffy presented on the draft CEDS. J. Burdin reported SRPC staff have completed a draft of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2022. US EDA requires that the CEDS be posted for review and comment by the public for a period of at least 30 days prior to adoption. The draft was released to the public on May 6. And the public comment period will end on June 6. The draft has been posted to the SRPC website and hard copies have been distributed to local libraries and planning offices. SRPC has historically preferred to adopt the CEDS in June at either our Annual Commission Meeting or the June. J. Burdin and N. Moles

presented on the highlights of the draft and outlined the key dates for the adoption process. J. Burdin asked for comments or questions.

The members discussed various sections of the draft CEDS and offered suggestions for distributing the draft. Chair D, Landry encouraged members to read the draft and reach out to J. Burdin with any questions. He thanked staff for their presentation.

At 9:40 a.m. the Stafford Economic Development portion of the meeting adjourned and the meeting convened as the Stafford Metropolitan Development District.

a. Approve Draft Minutes from April 15, 2022

T. Crosby MOTIONED to approve the April 15, 2022 minutes as written SECONDED by B. Fisher. A roll call vote was taken: T. White, B. Fisher, R. Michaud, P. Nelson, D. Landry, G. Davison, and T. Crosby voting in favor. M, Williams, B. Holstein, K. Golab and L. Brown ABSTAIN. MOTION passed with a majority of members voting in favor.

2. Discussion Items

a. 9:42 2022 Data snapshot -highlights of latest changes & trends affecting opportunities from you community

Staff members Rachel Dewey, Marc Davie and Stephen Geis gave an overview of the 2022 Data Snapshot which published on April 25. The Regional Data Snapshot consists of over 100 data metrics which includes a static PDF document, an interactive map and are working on a series of excel files with tabular data. The snapshot contains a region-wide analysis of data in the categories of demographics, economic vitality, livability and quality of life, mobility and accessibility, and resiliency. It is meant to be referenced as a stand-alone document, or in conjunction with SRPC's core plans, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the regional master plan.

S. Geis presented an overview and provided instruction for navigating the Regional Data Snapshot Map Viewer which has also been published on the SRPC website. He explained that the map viewer is an online, interactive version of the maps and data presented in SRPC's Regional Data Snapshot. The map viewer should be used in tandem with the existing Regional Data Snapshot as the snapshot document contains more information on how to read the individual maps and about the sources of the data being presented. This map viewer is an additional tool that can provide more clarity and an interactive format of the maps that are being presented in the snapshot document.

The members discussed the value of the report and complimented staff for the tremendous amount of work the team has put into the snapshot.

3. Other Business and Update from Staff

C. Lentz reported that at the upcoming June 4 TAC meeting there will be a panel of folks at the municipal level presenting on EV charging.

C. Lentz reported that the Bike Ped survey is out on the SRPC website and has been published in the SRPC newsletter. He asked members to please look for the survey and to send it in with their feedback.

J. Czysz asked for volunteers to serve as alternates on the Executive Committee and to reach out to her or Megan if interested or has a recommendation. ,

C. Lentz offered a reminder that the bipartisan infrastructure law includes additional funding for a broad range of project types. He stated that if anyone has project ideas, now is the time to reach out.

J. Czysz reported that the Annual Meeting is set for June 23. It will be an in-person event held at Governors Inn, The theme is arts culture and placemaking. More information will be coming out as we get closer to the date.

4. Commissioner Roundtable

There were no announcements

5. Citizens Forum

There were no citizens present.

6. Adjournment

T. Crosby MOTIONED to Adjourn seconded by M. Williams. A roll call vote was taken: T. White, B. Fisher, R. Michaud, P. Nelson, D. Landry, G. Davison, and T. Crosby voting in favor. M, Williams, B. Holstein, K. Golab and L. Brown. MOTION passed with a majority of members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.