

Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday May 5, 2023 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
1) Introductions	5 mins	
2) Staff Updates	5 mins	
3) Community Updates	15 mins	Round table discussion
4) Action Items a) Minutes from April 7, 2023 b) Amendment 1 to the 2023-2026 TIP – recommendation to the Policy Comm.	15 mins	a) Review draft minutes in packet b) Review attached draft TIP amendment
5) 2023 Transportation Data Collection Season	10 mins	c) LINK to the 2022 data collection dashboard
6) 2023 Data Snapshot Presentation	20 mins	d) LINK to the 2023 Data Snapshot
7) Updates and Events from NHDES	10 mins	
8) Other Business	5 mins	
9) Citizen's Forum 10) Adjourn		

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

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Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization, and
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.



SRPC Technical Advisory Committee
May 5th 2023
Agenda Item Preview

Hello TAC members – here are quick summaries of the major agenda items for our May 5th meeting:

Amendment 1 to the 2023-2026 TIP

This is the first proposed amendment to the brand new 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. It includes proposed changes to projects in Somersworth, Lee, and Rochester. A public hearing will commence on May 8th and continue till a public hearing at the Policy Committee meeting on May 19th. The proposed changes are included in the attachment below.

2023 Transportation Data Collection Season

It's time to begin transportation data collection efforts for the 2023 season. Stephen and Mark will provide a preview of efforts in 2023. A link to the 2022 data collection dashboard is in the agenda.

2023 Data Snapshot Presentation

The data and GIS team has been hard at work on the 2023 update to the Regional Data Snapshot. It includes new data, individualized community profiles, and a forthcoming online tool for users to make their own custom analysis. Presentation to be made at the meeting. A link to the new 2023 data snapshot is in the agenda.

Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Friday, April 7, 2023
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Rochester, NH

1. Introductions

Vice Chair Michael Williams called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Members attending in person: Vanessa Price, Barrington; Michael Williams, COAST; Wayne Lehman, Lee, Michelle Mears, Somersworth, Chelsea Green, Dover; Michael Behrendt, Durham; Katrin Kasper, Lee

Staff attending in person: Colin Lentz, Jen Czysz, Mark Davie

Members attending virtually: Bill Watson, DOT; Leigh Levine, FHW

2. Community Updates

Tabled.

3. Action Items

a. Minutes from February 3, 2023 and February 3, 2023

V. Price motioned to approve the February 3, 2023. K. Katrin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price, M, Williams, W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper voted in the affirmative. W. Watson abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

b. Regional Coordinated Transit Plan

C. Lentz gave a summary of the Coordinated Plan and highlighted components of the plan. He explained the plan concerns many forms of “community transportation” in the region. Community transportation refers to all transportation resources in a community that are available to help meet people’s mobility needs. These include both public and private services, such as fixed route bus, shuttles for seniors, taxis, vans that churches or community organizations own and operate, and other services. This plan needs to be in place for entities like COAST to access federal funds for transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities.

The plan is in a public comment period through to the Policy meeting on April 21st.

K. Kasper motioned for TAC to recommend to the Policy Committee to approve the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan. V. Price seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price, M. Williams, W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper and W. Watson voted in the affirmative. abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

c. 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program.

C. Lentz gave a summary of the Unified Planning Work Program. We will submit a final draft to the DOT today and look for approval by the Policy Committee at their next meeting.. The

Unified Planning Work Program of the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Strafford MPO) identifies the planning priorities and work activities that the Metropolitan Planning Organization will address during the two-year program period. The development of the Unified Planning Work Program is required as part of the Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative (3C's) metropolitan planning process and specifically the Metropolitan Planning Rules

K. Kasper motioned for TAC to recommend to the Policy committee to approve the draft UPWP. M. Mears seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price,, M, Williams, ,W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper and W. Watson voted in the affirmative. abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

d. Which candidate Ten Year Plan projects are funded through the regional allocation

C. Lentz stated that a total of seven projects were submitted by municipalities to be considered for inclusion in the Ten-Year Plan. Those projects were ranked according to criteria used by all RPC's and NHDOT. Voting open through to April 14 and a decision must be made at the April TAC and Policy meetings. C. Lentz gave a summary of the projects and the various scenarios for funding.

The group discussed funding opportunities for projects that have not been selected.

K. Katrin motioned for TAC to recommend to the Policy Committee to approve Scenario 2, Somersworth's Main St Complete Streets and Lee's improvements to NH155/George Bennett/Lee Hook Rd, and send those two projects to NHDOT for inclusion into the Ten Year Plan. M. Mears seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: V, Price, ,M, Williams, ,W. Lehman, M. Mears, C. Green, M Behrendt, K Kasper voted in the affirmative. W. Watson abstained. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

4. Other Business

M. Williams reported that COAST is circulating a customer survey focused on how to best meet the needs of customers.

5. Citizens Forum

There were no citizens present.

6. Adjourn

Motion and a second to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding Amendments to the: 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program with corresponding updates to the 2023-2045 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 #1 to the adopted *2023-2026 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 *2023-2026 State Transportation Improvement Program* (STIP). SRPC is conducting this process in accordance with the Strafford MPO's public involvement procedures and federal and state regulations.

Amendment #1 impacts projects listed in the *2023-2026 TIP* which is part of the *2023-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (MTP) for the region. Full amendments to the TIP require a 10-day public comment period, a public hearing, and approval by the Strafford MPO Policy Committee. A 10-day public comment period for this amendment will begin on **Monday, May 8, 2023**, and will end at the close of business on **Thursday, May 18, 2023**. **A public hearing will be held by the SRPC Policy Committee meeting at 9:00 am on Friday, May 19, 2023**. The public is encouraged to submit comments before the end of the business day (5:00 pm) **Thursday, May 18, 2023**, or at the public hearing at the Strafford MPO Policy Committee meeting at **9:00 am on Friday, May 19, 2023**.

The public hearing can be attended in-person or electronically. Attend in-person at the address below, and electronically by dialing (646) 558-8656 and use conference ID: 858 0237 2877, or participate online at **Meeting ID: 858 0237 2877**

Online Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85802372877>

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. Information about joining the meeting is at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission website (strafford.org). If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting, please call (603) 994-3500 x102 or e-mail clentz@strafford.org

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.

**Strafford MPO
2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1**

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Please refer to the 2023 - 2026 TIP document and project listing for detailed COAST transit funding information. NHDOT groups federal funding for statewide public transit in large programs (e.g. FTA 5307); MPOs and RPCs track funding for individual transit providers and projects. Strafford MPO is currently updating its project database and will be incorporating individual project funding for final publication of the 2023 - 2026 TIP.

SOMERSWORTH 40646

Towns: SOMERSWORTH
 Road: NH 9 (High Street), Blackwater Rd, Indigo Hill Rd
 Scope: Intersection safety improvements; NH Route 9, Blackwater Road, Indigo Hill Road
 Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$278,992		\$0	\$69,748	\$348,740
PE	2024	\$95,601		\$0	\$23,900	\$119,502
ROW	2024	\$115,476		\$0	\$28,869	\$144,345
CON	2026	\$2,311,230		\$0	\$577,808	\$2,889,038

Proposed Funding

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Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
 Shifting project phases ahead one year to coordinate with intersection safety project at Blackwater and Indigo Hill Rd
 SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA
 STBG-50 to 200K
OTHER
 Towns

LEE 41322

Towns: LEE
Road: NH Route 125
Scope: Bridge Replacement of culvert carrying NH 125 over Little River Br No 073/084
Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$330,000		\$0	\$0	\$330,000
CON	2024	\$1,650,000		\$0	\$0	\$1,650,000

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$330,000		\$0	\$0	\$330,000
ROW	2023	\$27,500		\$0	\$0	\$27,500
CON	2024	\$1,650,000		\$0	\$0	\$1,650,000

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
Added right of way funding in 2023
SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA

STBG-Non Urban Areas Under 5K
National Highway Performance
BRGBIL

NHDOT

Toll Credit

ROCHESTER 43552

Towns: ROCHESTER
Road: NH 11
Scope: Widen 2,100' of NH 11 to 4 lane configuration.
Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
PE	2023	\$203,200		\$0	\$50,800

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
PE	2023	\$203,200		\$0	\$50,800
PE	2025	\$131,584		\$0	\$32,896
ROW	2024	\$64,000		\$0	\$16,000
CON	2025	\$2,718,032		\$0	\$679,508

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
Rochester project 43840 is being merged with this project to coordinate work along NH11 corridor.
Project 43840 will be removed from the TIP

SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA

STBG-50 to 200K

OTHER

Towns