

**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization  
 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
 Friday June 7, 2024 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>	5 mins	
<b>2. Community Updates</b>	5 mins	Round table discussion
<b>3. Action Items</b> Minutes from February 2, 2024	10 mins	See meeting packet.
<b>4. Discussion Items</b> Demonstration of TomTom traffic data for local level traffic analysis [Stephen Geis]	30 mins	See meeting memo
<b>5. Project Updates</b> a. Metro Plan project development b. Safe Streets and Roads for All	5 mins	Will be provided at meeting
<b>6. Other Business</b>		
<b>7. Citizen's Forum</b>		
<b>8. Adjourn</b>		

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### 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.

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**Pre-meeting Memo**  
**SRPC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting**

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TomTom Data Analysis

Stephen Geis will be giving a demonstration of TomTom and the analyses we can conduct for communities. SRPC has recently received access to TomTom's Origin/Destination Data. This data is generated by combining survey vehicle data, GPS traces, community input, governmental sources, and vehicle sensor data. The data collected has been verified by NHDOT to be highly accurate due to its high sample size. A great use SRPC has found for TomTom is for "road-based behavioral data" using origin/destination information. We see this type of analysis having great planning applications from resiliency to economic development. This tool allows us to select any segment of roadway or intersection and see where road segments trips are originating from and ending upon passing through a segment of road or intersection.

The TomTom data has also given us greater insight into vehicle speeds in the region. This has been particularly important as we have only been able to collect speed data for one week a year with our tube or radar counters, so this allows us to analyze the year-round traffic trends. This data could help assist local planning, engineer or DPW departments to adjust roadway designs to constrain speeding.

# STRAFFORD

Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Strafford MPO  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2024  
Suite 12, 150 Wakefield Street**

## **1) Introductions**

Chair Michelle Mears called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Members present:**

John Mullen, Middleton; Lucy St. John, NHDOT; Wayne Lehman, Lee; Vanessa Price, Barrington; Michael Williams, COAST; Michelle Mears, Somersworth;

**Staff present:** Colin Lentz, Mark Davie, Rachel Dewey

**Members attending on Zoom:** Bruce Woodruff, Milton; Steve Pesci, UNH; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Vanessa Partington; Lindsay Butler, Newmarket; Leigh Levine, Chris Jacobs, Milton; Donna Benton, Dover; Kenneth Dickie, Farmington

**Guest attending on Zoom:** Shannon Aiton

**2) Staff attending on Zoom:** Megan Taylor-Fetter

## **3) Community Updates**

There were no community updates.

## **4) Action Items**

### **a) Minutes from January 5, 2024**

With a motion from Michael Willimas and a second by Wayne Lehman to approve the minutes of August 4, 2023, the motion passed with all in favor. L. St John and Chris Jacobs abstained.

### **b) Set Regional Traffic Safety Targets-how to make them more effective in planning?**

C. Lentz stated SRPC needs to set new highway safety performance targets for 2024. In all other previous target-setting rounds, SRPC has opted to support the



targets established by NHDOT. This was primarily due to the highly variable nature of crashes across the region and the lack of detailed, consistent, and accurate crash data. In previous rounds, SRPC has calculated a regional “share” of crashes to illustrate a regional benchmark.

In 2024, all the factors that made setting regional targets challenging are still in place, and supporting the state safety targets is a reasonable but ultimately “safe” approach. However, it does not motivate the additional action required to make significant progress toward the goal of zero fatalities from motor vehicle accidents on public roads. SRPC staff are recommending that committee members consider additional methods for setting regional targets that reflect policy and goals in the Metro Plan, and compel more aggressive progress on safety improvements.

Target setting approaches:

- Continue supporting the state targets and identifying a regional “share” of crashes
- Adopt a policy of setting declining targets (in cases where NHDOT sets flat targets)
- Set targets based on an overall percent reduction by a horizon year?
  - Use interval years for annual target setting and evaluation

Example targets for discussion purposes:

- 75% reduction in the number of fatalities from crashes by 2032
- 50% reduction in the number of serious injuries by 2032
- 100% reduction in the number non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Discussion ensued. The group talked about ways to decrease the rate of fatalities; fewer cars on roads, increase multimodal options, decrease speeds, origins closer.

Rachel Dewey joined the conversation and provided data information from the Regional Data Snapshot Map Viewer.

Discussion resumed. The group discussed inconsistencies in official reporting and the need for a standardized reporting system. How effective are tools, strategies, markers? What can be actually done towards the goals and what are the impacts? Scientific and mathematical data and education and enforcement.

Members can play a role in legislation. In New Hampshire we don't have a primary seatbelt law or helmet laws for motorcyclists, speed and human behavior is number one killer. Increase penalties for DUI's?

Michael Williams motioned to approve the performance targets as proposed:

- 75% reduction in the number of fatalities from crashes by 2032
- 50% reduction in the number of serious injuries by 2032

- 100% reduction in the number non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Lindsay Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion passed unanimously.

**c) Amendment 4 to the 23-26 Transportation Improvement Program**

C. Lentz reviewed the amendments made to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program in Amendment 4.

The group engaged discussed changes to municipal bridges program and how this effects local match.

C. Lentz stated that at their January meeting, the Commissioners directed him to attend the public legislative hearing for the draft Ten Year Plan and request that the UNH fleet replacement project be added back into the Ten Year Plan. C. Letz will be attending a hearing by the House Public Works & Highways Committee on February 14<sup>th</sup> to do just that. Commissioners and TAC members will have an opportunity to revise/add to the content his testimony between when the House votes on the Ten Year Plan, and when the Senate takes it up.

TAC members supported the Policy Committee's decision on C. Lentz's testimony.

S. Pesci motioned to accept Amendment 4 to the transportation Program seconded by M. Williams. All members voted in favor; the motion passed unanimously.

**d) Discussion Items**

**e) Review candidate long-range projects for engineering analysis**

C. Lentz updated the group and stated he had the first meeting with engineering consultant. They looked at seven projects in the priority list. Some projects may be ready for immediate analysis.

**f) Other Business**

Steve P. stated that bill 1445 in the house would have added rules and restrictions to electric bikes, scooters which would have prohibited electric bikes on rail trails.. The transportation committee voted 19-0 to inexpedient to legislature.

**g) Citizens Forum**

There were no citizens present.

**h) Adjourn**

1010: W. Lehman motioned to adjourn seconded by M. Williams. All in favor. The meeting concluded at 9:55 A.M.

# STRAFFORD

Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Strafford MPO  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes  
April 5, 2024  
Suite 12, 150 Wakefield Street**

## **1) Introductions**

Chair Michelle Mears called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Due to a weather event, the meeting was held remotely. A quorum of members was not established

### **Members present:**

John Mullen, Middleton

**Staff present:** Colin Lentz

**Members attending on Zoom:** Michelle Mears, Somersworth; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Vanessa Partington; Lindsay Butler, Newmarket; Leigh Levine; Donna Benton, Dover; Paul Maloney, FHWA; Wayne Lehman, Lee; Vanessa Price, Barrington; Shanna Saunders, Rochester

**Staff attending on Zoom:** Rachel Dewey, Jen Czysz

## **2) Community Updates**

There were no community updates.

## **3) Action Items**

### **a) Minutes from February 2, 2024**

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

### **b) Amendment 5 to the 23-26 Transportation Improvement Program**

C. Lentz stated that this amendment to the TIP contains no local projects; there is only a statewide program for bridge maintenance and preservation. The program contains no individual projects in the region. Strafford RPC still must review and



approve the proposed amendment to maintain continuity with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

The vote was tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

#### **4) Discussion Items**

##### **a) Review potential strategies for traffic safety improvements**

C. Lentz stated that Strafford MPO members requested staff to develop a set of strategies that could contribute to achieving safety performance targets. C. Lentz reviewed a draft list of strategies aimed at regional and statewide safety challenges.

The group discussed technical and logistical considerations for implementing these and other strategies.

##### **5) Other Business**

There was no other business

##### **6) Citizens Forum**

There were no citizens present.

##### **7) Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15