

MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, January 17, 2025 9:00-10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting (Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office & via Zoom)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Katrin Kasper called the meeting to order and asked for introductions: M. Williams, COAST; John Mullen, Middleton; Matt Towne, Barrington; Chris Kinsville, Brookfield; Kate Buzard, Middleton; Marshall Goldberg, Brookfield; Karen Gollab, Milton, Tom Falk, Madbury, Michael Williams, COAST

Staff in person: Jen Czysz, Michael Polizzotti, Rachel Dewey, Colin Lentz

Zoom: Steve Brown, Dover; Mary Woodward, Lee; Jack Wade, DES; Peter Nelson, Newmarket; Sarah Wrightsman, Newmarket; Steve Pesci, UNH; Lyndsey Williams, Dover; Lucy St. John, NHDES; Steve Diamond, Barrington

Staff attending on Zoom: Natalie Gemma,

2. Commissioner Roundtable

L. Williams stated that the Dover Council voted to extend the waste management contract for 7 years after extensive conversation on the future of recycling. The contract includes 2 years in the current structure while transitioning to the toter system.

3. Action Items

a. Minutes of 11/15/2024 (MPO) & 12/20/2024 (RPC)

11/15/2024 Policy minutes: K. Kasper moved to accept the 11/15/2024 MPO minutes second by M. Lehrman. The motion passed following a roll call of the Policy Committee with all members voting in favor: K. Kasper, M. Williams, J. Mullen, M. Towne, C. Kinsville, K. Buzard, M. Goldberg, K. Gollab, Milton, S. Brown, M. Woodward, S. Pesci, L. Williams, S. Diamond, P. Nelson. L. St. John and J. Wade abstain.

12/20/2024 RPC minutes: K. Kasper moved to accept the 12/20/2024 Commission minutes second by M. Towne. The motion passed following a roll call of the Commission with all members voting in favor: K. Kasper, M. Williams, J. Mullen, M. Towne, C. Kinsville, K. Buzard, M. Goldberg, Milton, S. Brown, M. Woodward, L. Williams, S. Diamond, P. Nelson. K. Gollab abstain.

b. Approval of Mid-Year Budget Amendment

J. Czysz reviewed the Mid-Year Budget and stated the amended budget updates revenues from new contracts and grants that were awarded after the adoption of the FY2025 budget and adjust contracts that have continued from the prior fiscal year to reflect the actual amount of funds available this year. There are no changes from what was presented last month. On the expense side, adjustments have been made to reflect the staffing levels in support of the additional contracts. A lot of grant funding is in a constant state of flux. When we are putting the budget together in March, we don't know what the outcome will be; different things arise. The mid-year amendment helps to reflect where we will end at fiscal year; estimating and projecting when putting the budget together.



J. Mullen moved to accept the Draft Mid-Year Budget, M. Towne second. The motion passed following a roll call of the Commissioners: In favor: K. Kasper, J. Mullen, M. Towne, C. Kinsville, K. Buzard, M. Goldberg, Milton, S. Brown, M. Woodward, L. Williams, S. Diamond, P. Nelson. K. Gollab.

4. Announcements

Comprehensive Plan Update Kick-Off

Mike Polizzotti stated SRPC is excited to announce the Comprehensive Plan Kick-off; this is a big all-hands-on deck all staff effort that will be several years in the making. The last comprehensive plan, Local Solutions, was in 2015. The plan is a visionary framework for the region and the communities within and is a collaborative process driven by local input and some light RPC collaboration.

M. Polizzotti outlined the engagement plan and key dates:

- Region Wide Survey-open to end of March
- Core Outreach Activities January to June
- CEDS adoption-June 2026
- MTP Adoption-September 26
- Landuse/Environ Chapters and Executive Summary /Bridge-December 26
- RHNA Project-December 2026

What have we learned in last 10 years? An example of projects that was a result of the plan was Middleton water resource planning.

Staff will work to get the word out: a survey has been distributed; notices have been posted in the Newsletter; outreach to communities; groups, posters and flyers and targeted emails. M. Davie stated we will be reaching out to the Commissioners who have expressed interest in being interviewed.

The committee discussed other ways to spread the word including local events, elections, present to the Coastal Adaption Workgroup, local businesses.

5. Presentation and Vote

Set 2025 Safety Performance Targets

C. Lentz stated that once a year, SRPC is federally required to set targets for highway safety performance measures for all public roads in the region. Targets must be set for the following performance measures:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

SRPC's targets are based on a "vision zero" goal – the only acceptable number of fatalities and serious injuries is zero. The targets are calculated toward achieving specific long-term targets:

- A 75% reduction in fatalities by 2035
- A 50% reduction in serious injuries by 2035
- A 100% reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries by 2035

SRPC is also working with VHB to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan. The plan will make all municipalities eligible for funding to implement highway safety improvement projects through



the Safe Streets and Roads for All program. VHB is working on a full draft and we will have an opportunity to review the entire plan in the near future.

The committee discussed advocating for tougher targets, ways to lower speed; separate infrastructure to encourage people to stay in lanes and other alternatives.

M. Williams moved to accept the 2025 Safety Targets, K. Kasper second. The motion passed following a roll call of the Policy Committee and a unanimous vote in favor: K. Kasper, M. Williams, J. Mullen, M. Towne, C. Kinsville, K. Buzard, M. Goldberg, K. Gollab, S. Brown, M. Woodward, S. Pesci, L. Williams, S. Diamond, P. Nelson. L. St. John and J. Wade.

6. Other Business

K. Kasper asked for volunteers to join the Executive Committee as alternates.

J. Czysz stated that the Regional Impact Committee needs members. M. Towne stated he was interested. The Executive Committee will hold a formal vote at their next meeting.

J. Czysz asked the Commissioners if they could take their PLUR books to their municipalities.

7. Citizens Forum

There were no citizens comments

8. Adjourn

