

**EDD/MPO Commission and Policy Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, February 21, 2025 9:00-10:30 AM**

**1. Introductions:**

Chair Katrin Kasper called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

**Members Present:** J. Mullen, Middleton, Kate Buzard, Middleton, Mike Lehrman, Durham, Matt Towne, Barrington; Mike Bobinsky, Somersworth; Mark Richardson, Somersworth; Marshall Goldberg, Brookfield; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Michael Williams, COAST

**Zoom:** Lindsey Williams, Dover; Steve Diamond, Barrington; Steve Brown, Dover; Mary Woodward, Lee; Barbara Holstein, Rochester; Beverly Cray, UNH; Jen Czysz, SRPC; Jack Wade, NHDES; Mark Davie, SRPC; Natalie Gemma, SRPC; Lisa Murphy, SRPC;

**Staff members present:** Kyle Pimental, Michael Polizzotti, Rachel Dewey, Colin Lentz,.

**Staff on Zoom:** Jen Czysz, Megan Taylor-Fetter,

**2. Municipal Roundtable**

There were no updates from Commissioners

**3. Action Items: Transportation Alternatives Project Scoring Criteria**

M. Davie provided an overview of Transportation Alternatives Project Scoring Criteria and stated that three municipalities have applied for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which specifically supports non-motorized transportation improvement projects. NHDOT conducts the final statewide project scoring, but each RPC conducts their own regional project ranking. 7 meeting. Commissioners input was presented to TAC who then voted to approve the draft criteria weightings at their Feb 7th meeting. The criteria SRPC used for ranking is potential for success, safety, and connectivity and community.

Highlights: Newmarket is proposing to replace a local pedestrian bridge, Durham is proposing pedestrian improvements along Madbury Rd, and Farmington is proposing to upgrade sidewalks along Main St.

M. Bobinsky motioned to accept Transportation Alternatives Project Scoring Criteria, seconded by M. Towne. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: J. Mullen, K. Buzard, M. Lehrman, M. Towne, M. Bobinsky, M. Richardson M. Goldberg K. Kasper, M. Williams, L. Williams, S. Diamond, S. Brown, M. Woodward, B. Holstein, B. Cray, J. Wade. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

**4. Presentation and Discussion: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update. (Natalie Gemma and Michael Polizzotti)**



M. Polizzotti, Natalie Gemma, and Mark Davie presented on the Economic Development Strategy update. M. Polizzotti stated SRPC staff have begun the process of updating the 2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. It is an overview of major regional economic development trends seen over the last year based on the CEDS 9-theme framework:

- economic growth,
- business operations,
- housing,
- infrastructure,
- mobility and accessibility,
- age friendliness,
- workforce and education,
- community vibrancy.
- Childcare.

As seen through the three lenses of equity & environmental justice, resilience, and partnerships and collaboration.

The Commissioners provided feedback on what major economic development trends they have seen in their communities over the last year that they feel should be incorporated into the CEDS update.

- EV charging stations and what is the ideal density
- Housing costs and variables of housing types; second homes and waterfront
- Network connectivity around transportation, lack of information around travel, ev chargers at business locations and public places
- Agro tourism,
- Support businesses on information availability and accuracy
- Continued investment in public infrastructure, development of properties
- Housing barriers such as zoning and site regulations, unintended consequences triggering the implementation of enforcement of new building and fire codes.
- What is the environmental basis for this economy-future factors, ways to underscore that is a piece of what our region will look like.
- Different sizes of Businesses-any ways to think about that. We have a variety.
- What are the trends in business openings vs the bankruptcies
- Childcare, income summaries important how people make decisions.
- Bankruptcy rates, Business operations, increased costs.
- Need the match to leverage the federal funds for the Coast facility

## **5. Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **6. Citizens Forum**

There were no citizens comments

Adjourn

Following a motion and a second, all members voted in favor to adjourn.

