

MEETING OF THE SRPC MPO POLICY COMMITTEE AND EDD BOARD

Friday, April 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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

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Agenda Item	Time	Pre-Meeting Notes
1) Welcome and Introductions	9:00-9:05	
2) Commissioner Roundtable	9:05-9:15	Updates from your community
3) Public Hearing Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4	9:15-9:30	See meeting packet
4) Action Items a. Approve TIP Amendment #4 b. Minutes from March 20, 2026	9:30-9:40	See meeting packet
5) Discussion Items a. NYU Child Care Presentation b. Data Snapshot c. PREPA Grant Opportunity	9:40-10:20	Refer to the memo
6) Other Business	10:20-10:25	
7) Citizens Forum	10:25-10:30	
8) Adjourn	10:30	

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*Strafford Regional Planning Commission
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.

DATE: April 10, 2026

TO: SRPC Commissioners

FROM: Jen Czysz, Executive Director
Colin Lentz, Principal Transportation Planner
Natalie Gemma, Senior Regional Planner
Rachel Dewey, Senior Data Analyst
Kyle Pimental, Assistant Director

RE: April 17, 2026, Agenda Items & Upcoming Meeting Schedule

TIP Amendment #4 Hearing and Vote

SRPC manages projects in the four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Significant changes to project costs or scope require additional public transparency. Such amendments to the TIP occur approximately quarterly. Transportation Planner Colin Lentz will present information about the current amendment, which contains only one project: safety improvements at US4 and Madbury Rd in Durham. See packet for details.

NYU Child Care Presentation

SRPC has again this year partnered with the New York University Wagner School to host a capstone project to continue research on childcare availability and affordability and develop new resources to aid in implementation. The student team will join us virtually to present an overview and highlights from their efforts that include:

An analysis of supply and demand for childcare in our region.

- Develop a model zoning ordinance for home-based childcare in partnership with the NH Office of Planning and Development
- Engage stakeholders to evaluate and compile recommendations on how to broaden the reach of [NH CDFA's resources for family childcare providers](#).
- Develop sustainable business financing plans for childcare providers in collaboration with the Strafford Economic Development Corporation.

Annual Data Snapshot Release

Each year, the April Commission meeting marks the release of the annual Regional Data Snapshot. SRPC conducts region-wide analysis of a number of data metrics each year for different projects and plans. The Regional Data Snapshot is a document that contains many of these analyses in one place. The Data Snapshot covers demographics, economic vitality, livability and quality of life, mobility and accessibility, and resiliency. In approximately 180 pages, the Regional Data Snapshot provides over 160 metrics for the SRPC region. In previous years, new Data Snapshots included additional metrics not found in years prior. This year, changes include refreshing some charts and metrics from the first edition to adapt to changes in the source data, as well as the



removal of select metrics where the source data is no longer maintained. All editions of the Regional Data Snapshot can be found here:

<https://straffordrpcnh.gov/measure/data-snapshot/>

PREPA Grant Opportunity

The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) have released a Request for Proposals for their 2026-2026 Piscataqua Region Environmental Assessment (PREPA) Grant Program. These grants provide \$5,000 - \$25,000 to support projects in the following key areas:

- **Wetland & Shoreland Protections:** Safeguarding water bodies and areas along shores, rivers, and vernal pools as well as other wetlands.
- **Floodplain Management:** Reducing flood risk by strengthening local floodplain and planning for future flood hazards.
- **Land Conservation:** Protecting important natural areas and open space through planning, conservation tools, and local land use policies.
- **Stormwater Management:** Managing stormwater runoff through stronger standards, low impact development, and local stormwater planning.
- **Septic System Management:** Protecting water quality by improving septic system standards, tracking systems, and promoting proper maintenance.
- **Climate Resilience:** Preparing communities for climate impacts through vulnerability assessments, planning, and actions that reduce future risk.
- **Drinking water protections:** Supporting plan adoption and local actions to protect drinking water sources.

For more information, or if you have an eligible project in mind, please visit the [PREPA Grant Page](#) or reach out to Kyle Pimental at kpimental@straffordRPCnh.gov.

Draft Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

(subject to change)

Monthly Meetings: 3rd Friday of the month, 9-10:30 AM, SRPC Office, Conf. Room 1A

Quarterly Field Trips: Thursdays, 3:45-5:30 PM, in Sept., Dec., Feb., and Jun.

Date	Location	Program	Tentative Agenda Items
Fri. May 15, 2026 9-10:30 AM	SRPC	EDD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEDS Final Draft Presentation and start of Public Comment Period
Fri. Jun. 19, 2026* 9-10:30 AM	SRPC	RPC EDD MPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEDS Adoption and Final Presentation • Business items
Thu. Jun. 25, 2026 4:30-7:30 PM	The Oaks Somersworth	RPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meeting Dinner SRPC at 55: Rooted in History, Focused on the Future

* Note, this date is a holiday.

Meeting of the SRPC Commissioners, MPO and EDD

Friday, March 20, 2026 9:00 – 10:30 AM

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

1. Introductions

Chair Paul Rasmussen called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Commissioners present: Paul Rasmussen, Durham; Mark Richardson, Somersworth; Joe Boudreau, Rochester; Mike Lehrman, Durham; Steve Stancel, Wakefield; Matt Towne, Barrington; Don Manter, Northwood; Kate Buzard, Middleton; Kevin Sullivan, Rochester; Michael Williams, COAST; John Nute, Milton; Tom Falk, Madbury; Mike Bobinsky, Somersworth; Sarah Wrightsman, Newmarket;

Staff: Kyle Pimental, Mark Davie, Colin Lentz, Rachel Dewey, Mike Polizzotti, Jen Cysz

Commissioners attending on Zoom: Lyndsey Williams, Dover, Steve Brown, Dover; Kean McDermott, Dover; Steve Diamond, Barrington; Krysta Gingue, Dover; Glen Griswold

2. Commissioner Roundtable

S. Diamond discussed switching to an e-bike in response to rising gas prices, highlighting both the benefits and challenges of biking as alternative transportation.

Kevin Sullivan provided updates on school closures, noting the planned closure of Maple Street School and the intention to issue RFPs for redevelopment of William Allen School and another school closed last year. Community input on reuse has been mixed. The courthouse will soon be vacated, with general opposition to converting it into multiple apartments. School closures were attributed to budget constraints, reduced state aid, declining enrollment, poor building conditions, and average class sizes of about 22 students.

Housing proposals across the region continue to receive varied public feedback. J. Cysz noted that SRPC's Brownfields Program can assist municipalities with environmental assessments and redevelopment of potentially contaminated properties. K. Pimental shared updates on Farmington's Collins & Aikman Superfund site, which is recommended for cleanup in July, with early discussions underway about future development.

Additional announcements included SRPC's Annual Meeting on June 25 at the Oaks in Somersworth, celebrating 55 years of regional planning, and a request for volunteers to test Microsoft Teams for hybrid meetings.



Municipal updates included Somersworth's progress on multiple housing developments totaling 171 apartments, efforts to engage neighbors, and potential trail connections to Millennium Park. Dover is advancing toward its housing goals with several large proposals and is exploring solutions to milfoil issues in Willand Pond, while also participating in discussions on the outdoor economy with UNH Cooperative Extension. K. McDermott raised questions about the vision for Dover's Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan, and J. Czysz confirmed that SRPC was selected to work on that chapter.

3) Action Items

a. Minutes from February 20, 2026

M. Williams moved to approve the February 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes, second by J. Nute. Following discussion to amend the attendance list to include M. Bobinsky, a roll call vote was taken. All members voted in favor. Motion passed. K. Sullivan and T. Falk abstain.

4) Regional Plan Workshop

a. Regional Plan Structure and Timelines and b. CEDS Themes, Goals, and Action Items

M. Polizzotti outlined the components and phased adoption of the Regional Plan components. The upcoming update will integrate three main elements: the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Metropolitan Transportation Plan (currently being updated), a new land use and environmental chapter, and a final executive summary "bridge" document that ties all components together into a single, cohesive regional vision for the Strafford region over the next 10 years.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is scheduled for adoption in June. It is guided by four overarching lenses: regional partnerships and collaboration, resiliency, quality of life and community identity, and age friendliness. Key themes include housing as a driver of economic development, support for businesses and innovation, workforce development and education, and promoting healthy, vibrant communities.

The next phase of the CEDS focuses on developing action items to support these goals. Existing action items from the prior CEDS were reviewed and carried forward where relevant, supplemented by new actions aligned with updated themes and goals for the next five-year period. An introductory section will also include action items that apply across all themes.

c. Group Activity – Themes and Goals

The members present then engaged in group activities. Commissioners provided feedback on and prioritized the proposed draft CEDS action items. Commissioners divided into two groups, where provided feedback on either the drafted MTP (transportation) themes and goals, or the land use and environment preliminary draft themes and goals.

5) Other Business

There was no other business.

6) Citizens Forum

There were no citizens' comments

7) Adjourn

M. Williams moved to adjourn. Second by M. Lehrman. All members voted in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Taylor-Fetter

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Regional Planning Commission

April 17, 2026

Tobey Reynolds, Assistant Director of Project Development
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
PO Box 483
Concord, NH 03302-0483

RE: 2025-2028 S/TIP Amendment #4

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This letter is to inform you that at its meeting held on Friday, April 17, 2026 the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Strafford MPO) Policy Committee approved Amendment #4 to the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization's *2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. This amendment contained project changes that impacted various transportation projects and programs in the Strafford Region.

Amendment #4 was approved following a public input process as stipulated in federal law and the NH STIP revision procedures as agreed upon through the Interagency process. A public comment period began on **Monday, April 6, 2026**, and completed on **Friday, April 17, 2026** at a public hearing held at the Strafford RPC Commission meeting. The Strafford RPC Commissioners voted in-favor of approving the proposed amendment.

On July 20, 2013, all of New Hampshire became unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). On April 6, 2015, the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS was revoked for all purposes, including transportation conformity, thus alleviating the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE) NH area from having to demonstrate the conformity of transportation plans. However, due to a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA), as of February 16, 2019, transportation conformity for the 1997 ozone NAAQS again applies in the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE) NH "Orphan Area. Transportation conformity no longer applies to the ozone NAAQS in New Hampshire in accordance with the "geographic applicability" of the transportation conformity rule at 40 CFR 93.102(b). On Oct. 16, 2015, the EPA issued a final rule reducing the NAAQS standard for ozone to 70 ppb from the previous 75 ppb. The region was still in compliance with the new standard, so this ruling did not affect the development of the Strafford MPO TIP.

University of New Hampshire Wildcat Transit and the Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation have adopted Strafford RPC's Transportation Improvement Program and Public Participation Plan for the development and maintenance of their Program of Projects (POP). As required in 49 CFR 613, 23CFR 450, and FTA Circular 9030.1E, this publication serves as notice that the public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the TIP will satisfy the POP public review requirements of the Section 5307 Program for public transportation providers.

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The amendment and public notice of resulting changes are attached to this letter and were available at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission office, Rochester, Somersworth, and Dover Public Libraries, and on the SRPC website: www.strafford.org.

The approval of TIP Amendment #4 by the Strafford MPO Policy Committee officially amends the Strafford MPO *2025-2028 TIP* and the *2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Czysz, AICP, Executive Director
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
cc: Strafford MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee, NH MPO's

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42523 - DURHAM

State ID 42523	Lead Agency DOT	Project Type To Be Assigned	Performance Measures PM1 - Safety
Functional Classification NA			
Project Description Implement intersection safety improvements			
Regional Planning Commission SRPC	Clean Air Code ATT	Regionally Significant No	

Adding the project as a standalone project in the STIP and increasing construction funding by 25%.

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FUTURE	TOTAL
PE	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$509,850	\$84,150	\$30,240	\$100,800	\$0	\$0	\$725,040
PE	Toll Credit	\$56,650	\$9,350	\$3,360	\$11,200	\$0	\$0	\$80,560
Total PE		\$566,500	\$93,500	\$33,600	\$112,000	\$0	\$0	\$805,600
ROW	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$0	\$0	\$99,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$99,000
ROW	Toll Credit	\$0	\$0	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
Total ROW		\$0	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000
CON	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,371,386	\$2,625,155	\$0	\$5,996,541
CON	Toll Credit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$374,598	\$291,684	\$0	\$666,282
Total CON		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,745,984	\$2,916,839	\$0	\$6,662,823
Total Prior Costs		\$566,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$566,500
Total Programmed		\$566,500	\$93,500	\$143,600	\$3,857,984	\$2,916,839	\$0	\$7,578,423