

**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday November 7, 2025 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	9:00-9:05	
2. Community Updates	9:05 - 9:15	Round table discussion
3. Action Items a. Minutes from October 3, 2025		See packet
4. Discussion Items a. 2025 Data collection roundup b. Local data collection needs in 2026 – SRPC will have additional intern support; how can they help local transportation planning efforts?		See memo
5. Other Business	5 mins	
6. Adjourn		

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Strafford Regional Planning Commission Meeting Etiquette

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.

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission & Metropolitan Planning Organization holds both public meetings and public hearings.

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STRAFFORD

Regional Planning Commission

DATE: October 31, 2025

TO: SRPC Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Colin Lentz, Transportation Planner

RE: November 7, 2025 Meeting Discussion Items & Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Local transportation data collection needs in 2026: 2025 Data Collection recap and prep for 2026 Season

Outdoor data collection for 2025 is basically wrapped up and staff will be presenting a report-out on efforts such as NHDOT counts, local supplemental counts, bike/ped counts, etc.

Staff also anticipate having interns to support data collection during the 2026 season. What data collection needs do your communities anticipate in the coming year? Some examples:

- Traffic counts (tubes, radar counts)
- Bike/pedestrian counts
- Analysis of TomTom data (long-term analysis of speed, volume, etc.)
- Custom parking studies
- Sidewalk assessments & pedestrian “level-of-traffic-stress” analysis
- Walkability audits

Draft Schedule of Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Monthly Meetings: 1st 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	Tentative Agenda Items
Fri. December 5, 2025 9-10:30 AM	SRPC	• TBD



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1. Introductions:

At 9:05 A.M. Chair Michelle Mears called the meeting to order.

Committee members present: Michelle Mears, Somersworth; Michael Williams, COAST; John Mullen, Middleton, Marshall Goldberg, Brookfield; Lindsey Butler, Newmarket; Gretchen Young, Rochester; Seth Creghton, Rochester

Staff Present: Rachel Dewey, Colin Lentz

Committee members joining on Zoom: Leigh Levine, FHA; Mac Bever, NHDES; Donna Benton, Dover; William Watson, NHDOT

2. Community Updates

MW-COAST last day running, all services done by 8:15

3. Action Items

a. Minutes from September 5, 2025

M. Williams moved to approve the minutes of September 5, 2025 as written. Following a second by J. Mullen, a vote was taken. Motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

b. Recommendation to Commissioners on 10-year plan projects and revenues for public presentation.

C. Lentz reported that he will be presenting at the four 10-year plan hearings facilitated by the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT). Colin shared his presentation that he will present at the GACIT hearings. Has to stay under five minutes. DOT

Colin presented on the 10-year plan development process and which projects were removed and which remain. The early draft of the plan was \$400million over-programmed. NHDOT has proposed cutting some individual projects to ensure pavement maintenance and bridge repair can continue and the plan is constrained. Without additional revenue generation through legislation, the individual project cuts will be implemented as proposed. As part of NHDOT's proposal, new candidate projects submitted in March 2025 by RPCs will **not** be included in the draft 10-year plan. C. Lentz shared the three ways additional revenue could be raised for transportation projects and programs:

- State gas tax increase



- State turnpike toll rate increase
- Local option fee for vehicle registrations (local funds only)

SRPC staff can only make direct comments about funding and legislation to GACIT members and legislators at the express instruction of Commissioners.

TAC members asked what happens to the projects that are cut. B. Watson shared that if regional projects are removed from the 10-year plan, they lose their status and must be reprioritized from scratch in future updates. If a project is a regional priority, it should stay in the Stratford MPO long-range transportation plan and be actively supported. If the 10-year plan is approved with cuts, affected projects—like Route 108—will lose their status and be treated as if they don't exist. In future updates, Strafford would need to reevaluate and reprioritize all projects from the beginning.

Discussion ensued on the various revenue options. B. Watson shared that federal funding is stable for now, but delays, rising costs, and reduced state and turnpike revenues are causing major budget challenges. Progress on existing projects is slow, and financial strain is growing across all funding sources. Communities should be advocating for increased revenues, not SRPC.

Four hearings are scheduled in the Strafford region – all on October 23rd:

- Durham Town Office – **10:00 am**
- Dover City Council Chambers – **1:00 pm**
- Rochester City Hall – Auditorium – **4:00 pm**
- Farmington BOS Meeting room - **7:30 pm**

4. Discussion Items:

a. How can SRPC's on-call engineer efforts be most helpful to communities?

Lentz stated that SRPC will shortly be selecting a firm to provide on-call engineering support for transportation project development. The contract will be for \$100,000 to be assigned via task order through June 30, 2027. Engineering services support development of transportation projects in the Metropolitan transportation Plan. How can that \$100,000 best support local project development?

Should we focus on-call engineering on implementation of projects in the regional Safety Action Plan developed under Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). Projects in the plan would need to be prioritized. It may be possible to compile similar projects into a single SS4A implementation grant to be developed by the engineering firm. The 10-year plan candidate projects submitted in March 2025 will be retained and updated as needed for submission for future 10-year plans.

The TAC members discussed focusing the engineering work on implementing prioritized projects from the regional Safety Action Plan (SS4A), possibly bundling them into a single grant. There's also interest in having the firm help match regional priorities with funding opportunities to move key projects forward.



5. Other Business

There was no other business

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Taylor-Fetter

