

**Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
 Friday April 3, 2026 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 February 6, 2026 b. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 4	9:15-9:20	
4. Information & Discussion Items c. 10-Year Plan and Long-Range Projects d. Cooperative Infrastructure Funding Approaches	9:20 - 10:15	Presentation to be made at meeting
5. Other Business	10:15-10:30	
6. Adjourn		

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

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.

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: March 27, 2026

TO: SRPC Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Colin Lentz, Principal Transportation Planner

RE: April 2026 Meeting Discussion Items & Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Action Items

2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment 4

SRPC needs to process an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program. It contains only one project (intersection safety improvements in US4/Madbury Rd). A public hearing will be held at the Commission meeting on April 17th at 9:00am to consider the amendment.

Requested action: approve the proposed amendment.

Information & Discussion Items:

10-Year Plan and Long-Range Projects

We need to discuss project development and prioritization. This includes projects for SRPC’s long-range Metro Plan, and for 10-year plan projects. We will not be soliciting new projects for the 10-year plan. Efforts need to focus on demonstrating local support and feasibility of advancing current 10-yr plan projects, and projects removed from the plan during the current update cycle. Metro Plan projects also need to be reviewed for local priority and will be scored in coming months.

Cooperative Infrastructure Funding Agreements

Past commission and TAC meetings have included discussion about innovative approaches to funding transportation infrastructure improvements. Development is a good thing, but can rapidly outstrip the capacity of a transportation system and create safety hazards. Communities are usually left to fund expensive infrastructure projects (such as the NH108 complete streets project). Are there ways to fund transportation infrastructure improvements *through* the gains from economic development, without disincentivizing development? Let’s discuss possibilities for incrementally funding and implementing transportation improvements as alternative to large, expensive “catch-up” projects.

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. May 1, 2026 9-10:30 AM	SRPC	Regional Data Snapshot update



**Stafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday February 6, 2026 from 9:00am - 10:30am**

1. Introductions

John Mullen, Middleton; Michael Williams, COAST; Lindsey Butler, Newmarket; Gretchen Young, Rochester; Katrin Kasper, Lee

Staff: Colin Lentz, Mark Davie, Rachel Dewey, Jen Czysz

Zoom: William Watson, NHDOT; Mac Bevier, NHDES; Donna Benton, Dover;

Because there were not enough members present to meet quorum requirements, the meeting was held for informational purposes only and no action items were addressed.

2. Community Updates

G. Young reported that Rochester has a bridge that has recently been red listed. It is scheduled for full rebuild but temporary emergency repairs are in progress to allow the bridge to stay open.

3. Information & Discussion Items

a. NHDES programs and funding opportunities

Mac Bevier from NH Dept. of Environmental Services provided an overview of two active grant opportunities: Granite State Clean Fleets, and the Clean Diesel. Both programs offer great opportunities for municipalities that have aging vehicles (fire trucks, plows, and other DPW vehicles). Those could be replaced with up to 95% of the cost covered. The Clean Diesel program recently adapted to accept projects from private and non-profit entities that would have public benefits. The scoring process for Granite State Clean Fleets program prioritizes municipalities that have fewer financial resources for purchasing new vehicles, or are disproportionately affected by higher levels of diesel Pollution.

Discussion: It was asked if there is an anticipated reduction in pollution through this program. It is not clear if there are projections. The goal is to share the progress from funding expenditure.

b. Rec Trails Grant

Mark Davie presented an early notice about the upcoming Recreational Trails grant opportunity. NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources facilitates the Rec Trails grant program each year and generally opens each round in May. Grants are for a range of work on motorized and non-motorized trails (expansion, improvement, maintenance)



and in-kind match is eligible. Be thinking about potential trail projects in your community and reach out to SRPC or to rec trails staff.

The group discussed potential plans their communities had for developing recreational trails and their existing trails.

c. Review of Regional Master Plan Outreach and Draft

Mark also gave an overview of the transportation themes that have come out of outreach efforts for the Regional Master Plan. Staff will have a formal summary in the coming weeks, but the overarching themes are:

- d. Alternatives to Driving
- e. Trails
- f. Housing Impacts
- g. Equity (Aging Population & Families)
- h. Safety
- i. State of Good Repair

These themes will be incorporated into the draft update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan which will be shared with committee members in the coming months.

4. Action Items

a. Minutes from November 7, 2025

Tabled due to lack of quorum

b. Regional Transportation Safety Performance Targets

C. Lentz explained that federal law requires SRPC to establish performance targets for highway safety across all public highways in the region. The draft targets presented reflect incremental progress toward the long-term objective of achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries on New Hampshire roadways. SRPC has long-term goals for highway safety improvement:

- 75% reduction in the number of fatalities by 2035
- 50% reduction in the number of serious injuries by 2035
- 100% reduction in the number non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries by 2035

He reviewed the data sources used for the five federally mandated highway safety measures and described the lengthy and complex process of collecting and analyzing crash data, noting that this timeline affects when targets can be set. Lentz also provided an overview of trends in fatal and serious-injury crashes, including both motorized and non-motorized incidents, and reported that the region has made progress toward meeting its safety goals.

SRPC's proposed highway safety targets:

1. **Number of Fatalities:** The total number of persons suffering fatal injuries in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year.
2. **Rate of Fatalities:** The ratio of total number of fatalities to the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT, in 100 Million VMT) in a calendar year.

3. **Number of Serious Injuries:** The total number of persons suffering at least one serious injury in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year.
4. **Rate of Serious Injuries:** The ratio of total number of serious injuries to the number of VMT (in 100 Million VMT) in a calendar year.
5. **Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries:** The combined total number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries involving a motor vehicle during a calendar year.

SRPC Safety Performance Measures and Targets Summary								
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Fatalities	Target	14	13.2	13	13	12.4	12.3	11.4
	5-yr Ave	13.4	13.6	14.6	14.0	14	---	---
Fatality Rate	Target	State	State	State	State	State	State	State
	5-yr Ave	1.110	1.15	1.23	1.18	.93	---	---
Serious Injuries	Target	51	50.2	50.2	59	49.9	46.57	44.55
	5-yr Ave	54.2	49.6	53	48.6	53.8	---	---
Serious Injury Rate	Target	State	State	State	State	State	State	State
	5-yr Ave	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.5	---	---
Non-motorized fatalities + serious injuries	Target	7.4	6.9	7.4	6	4	4	3.6
	5-yr Ave	7.4	5	5.6	4.8	5	---	---

Additionally, Colin Lentz highlighted SRPC’s Regional Safety Action Plan, published in June 2025 through a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant, which recommends safety countermeasures tied to contributing crash factors.

Although no formal vote could be taken due to a lack of quorum, the group expressed support for the proposed safety targets. These targets will next be reviewed by the Policy Committee at its February 20 meeting.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting ended 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
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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.



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