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Minutes of the
SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
November 25, 2025
11:30 A.M.

Meeting held in-person at the SNHPC office (438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, NH). Virtual participation was also accommodated via Zoom.

MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Auburn	**Bill Jean, Chair**
Auburn	Chris Sterndale
Bedford	Marc Snyder
Bedford	Ed Comiskey, Alt.
Candia	Ron Laverdure
Chester	Deb Munson
Deerfield	Erroll Rhodes
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg, Secretary
Londonderry	Suzanne Brunelle
Manchester	Dan O'Neil
Manchester	Elyza Agosta
Manchester	Kevin Sheppard, Alt.
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	**Raymond Clement, Treasurer**
Windham	Peter Griffin
Windham	Edgar Lapointe

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Bedford	John Nelson
Bedford	Nadir Ali, Alt.
Chester	Andrew Hadik
Derry	Jeff Moulton
Derry	John O'Connor
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Goffstown	Jacob LaFontaine
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
NHDES	Jack Wade
New Boston	Ellen Kambol
Windham	DJ Withee

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Derry	Richard Tripp
Goffstown	Jo Ann Duffy
Francestown	**Gary Schnakenberg, Vice Chair**
Francestown	Jennifer Vadney, Alt.
Londonderry	Brian Battaglia
MTA	Ryan Renauld-Smith, Alt.
MTA	Tracey Whitehead, Alt.
NHDOT	Bill Watson
NHDOT	William Rose
Weare	Naomi Bolton

GUESTS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Londonderry	Kristan Farr

VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Candia	
Manchester Airport	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn	Jeffrey Porter, Alt.
Bedford	Danielle Evansic
Bedford	Dan Heath
Bedford	Rebecca Hebert
Chester	Dana Theokas, Alt.
CNHRPC	Craig Tufts
CNHRPC	Matthew Baronas
Deerfield	Fred McGarry
FHWA	Leigh Levine
Hooksett	Jarrod Williams
Hooksett	Sheena Gilbert
Londonderry	Patrick Cheetham, Alt.
Londonderry	Jeff Penta, Alt.
Manchester	Marcus Ponce de Leon, Alt.
New Boston	Jonathan Willard
NHDES	Mac Bevier
RPC	Tim Roache
Weare	Dani-Jean Stuart
Windham	Tom Earley

STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Ben Herbert	Mobility Manager
Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Anthony Summers	Field Technician
David Tilton	Sr. Transportation Planner

STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Nathan Miller	Deputy Executive Director
Aloyo Yen	Office & Finance Administrator
James Vayo	Principal Planner
Suzanne Nienaber	Principal Planner
Cameron Prolman	Senior Planner
Zachary Swick	Senior GIS Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jean called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM. A quorum was present.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2025

Motion by Mr. Rugg of Londonderry to approve the minutes of November 25, 2025. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes of Deerfield, and carried with Ms. Griffin, Ms. Brunelle, Mr. Sheppard, and Ms. Kambol abstaining. The vote was taken in conjunction with the roll call.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Connections 2050) Overview

Principal Planner James Vayo summarized the Draft 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), released on November 14, 2025, for a 30-day public comment period. Vayo noted the MTP is a core MPO document outlining long-term transportation goals and project proposals to enhance regional transportation extending out to 2050. He also noted that the MTP also aims to foster growth, improve resiliency, and ensure safe, efficient transport for people and freight.

Mr. Vayo noted an aging population will be a factor for future planning as the region will have little population increase and more residents over 65 with fewer under the age of 20. Mr. Snyder of Bedford asked about the decline in youth; Mr. Vayo suggested that growth relies on domestic migration. Ms. Griffin of Goffstown mentioned the value of having actual population data; Mr. Vayo agreed and noted that population growth in recent decades is around 0.5% per year.

Mr. Vayo discussed land use in the SNHPC region, noting that three quarters of the region remain undeveloped. Ms. Griffin of Goffstown noted the value of land easements that cannot be developed. Vayo cited a projected 3% increase in land use by 2050 based on historic patterns.

Mr. Vayo described outreach during the planning process, including stakeholder interviews, the project website, and a transportation priorities survey. Interviews with municipal staff covered trends, goals, external forces, and land use. He noted the reports of findings of both the interviews and public survey are found in the Draft MTP appendix.

Mr. Vayo presented data on safety measures, noting a rise in fatalities and a decline in serious injuries over the past decade. He then discussed infrastructure condition, noting less than 1% of interstate pavement is in poor condition. He stated the MTP also includes data on congestion, travel reliability, and transit performance measures.

Mr. Snyder of Bedford asked about shopping patterns' impact on traffic, and access to data. Vayo responded with information about travel and commuting data from the Census. He also stated that the regional travel model makes projections travel demand using readily available population, housing, and employment data to analyze roadway capacity.

Mr. Vayo went on to highlight the financial plan revenue forecasts, including local match, state revenues, and toll credits. Mr. Vayo ended the presentation by identifying how projects are listed in the Draft MTP and how new projects were sourced for inclusion in the list.

FY 2025 Community Engagement Highlights

Principal Planner Suzanne Nienaber presented community engagement initiatives and data tracking from FY 2025. She outlined the contents of the Public Participation Plan (PPP), which sets out the approach to meaningful community engagement in transportation planning. The PPP includes SNHPC's goals and strategies, approaches, MPO planning process, and performance measures. Ms. Nienaber discussed the four major goals of the PPP: (1) expanding access to inclusive public engagement, (2) growing public awareness, (3) strengthening stakeholder partnerships, and (4) assessing performance measures.

Ms. Nienaber emphasized engaging diverse communities by removing barriers like language and accessibility. She highlighted strategies such as improving material readability, leveraging community networks, and using varied communication methods. She also stressed the importance of stakeholder partnerships and including input from underserved communities.

Ms. Nienaber discussed PPP performance measures to track outreach efforts, highlighting the need for flexibility and adaptation to new community engagement methods. These measures are categorized by activity type, like meeting attendance and facilitation events. Over 1400 people participated in 44 events during the fiscal year. Ms. Nienaber summarized engagement highlights, focusing on benchmarking. Over 30 monthly meetings and 80 voting members influence regional decision-making. SNHPC staff attend 140+ meetings annually with partners on planning. Community engagement activities are tracked, involving over 1400 people in 44 events. She noted that over 2500 individuals responded to four surveys by SNHPC, including Connections 2050, the Safety Action Plan, and Londonderry's master plan. These surveys gather perspectives and track engagement. Communication includes newsletters, media blasts, and social media updates.

Ms. Nienaber asked the public to join the mailing list, follow SNHPC on Facebook and YouTube, attend open meetings, and provide feedback to enhance transparency and community engagement. She emphasized recording meetings for public access. Mr. Sterndale recommended focusing on the final product and target audience. Ms. Nienaber sought input on reaching them more effectively. Mr. Griffin advised reviewing mailing and distribution lists to identify missing recipients. Mr. O'Neil raised concerns about language barriers, which SNHPC addresses using federal translation protocols. He suggested collaborating with the health department's FAST team. Executive Director von Aulock noted recent coordination with Victory Women of Vision and Manchester Health Department for interpreters at the Cashin Center.

OTHER BUSINESS (none)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Capano, and carried unanimously. Chair Jean declared the meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the November 25, 2025 meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

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Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director

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Aloyo Yen, Office and Finance Administrator/Recording Clerk