



Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION April 28, 2026 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

Bedford	Ed Comiskey, Alt.
Bedford	John Nelson
Bedford	Marc Snyder
Candia	Ron Laverdure
Chester	Deb Munson
Deerfield	Erroll Rhodes
Derry	John O'Connor
Derry	Richard Tripp
Francestown	Gary Schnakenberg, Vice Chair
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Goffstown	Jo Ann Duffy
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg, Secretary
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
Londonderry	Suzanne Brunelle
Manchester	Dan O'Neil
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	Raymond Clement, Treasurer
New Boston	Ellen Kambol
Windham	Edgar Lapointe

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Bedford	Nadir Ali, Alt.
Francestown	Jennifer Vadney, Alt.
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Goffstown	Jacob LaFontaine
Hooksett	Mike Somers
Londonderry	Brian Battaglia
New Boston	Jonathan Willard
NHDES	Jack Wade
NHDOT	William Rose

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Auburn	Bill Jean, Chair
Chester	Andrew Hadik

GUESTS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

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STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Ben Herbert	Mobility Manager
Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner

VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Candia	
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Manchester Airport	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn	Chris Sterndale
Bedford	Dan Heath
Bedford	Danielle Evansic
Chester	Dana Theokas, Alt.
CNHRPC	Craig Tufts
Deerfield	Fred McGarry
Derry	Jeff Moulton
FHWA	Leigh Levine
Hooksett	Jarrod Williams
Hooksett	Sheena Gilbert
Londonderry	Jeff Penta, Alt.
Londonderry	Patrick Cheetham, Alt.
Manchester	Elyza Agosta
Manchester	Kevin Sheppard, Alt.
MTA	Mike Whitten
MTA	Ryan Renauld-Smith, Alt.
MTA	Tracey Whitehead, Alt.
NHDES	Jessica Wilcox
NHDOT	Bill Watson
NHDOT	Denise Sherburne
RPC	David Walker
Strafford RPC	Colin Lentz
Windham	DJ Withee
Windham	Peter Griffin
Windham	Tom Earley

STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Nathan Miller	Deputy Executive Director
Aloyo Yen	Office & Finance Administrator
Suzanne Nienaber	Principal Planner
David Tilton	Sr. Transportation Planner
James Vayo	Principal Planner
Zachary Swick	Senior GIS Analyst
Liliana Vornehm	Assistant Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Schnakenberg called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM. A quorum was present.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2026

Motion by Mr. Rhodes of Deerfield to approve the minutes of March 24, 2026. Motion was seconded by Mr. LaPointe of Windham, and carried with Mr. Laverdure, Ms. Kunhardt, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Ali, Ms. Vadney, Mr. Somers, and Mr. Battaglia abstaining. The vote was taken in conjunction with the roll call.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of TIP Amendment #4

Senior Transportation Planner David Tilton provided an overview of TIP Amendment #4, which had a 10-day public comment period from April 13 to April 24. TIP Amendment #4 includes the following project changes.

- Candia-Raymond 43889 (rehabilitation and reconstruction of a section of NH Route 101). The proposed amendment involved removing construction phase funding in 2026 and adding engineering phase funding in 2027, reflecting a schedule change.
- Derry Londonderry 13056C, (construction of Tsienneto Road from Pinkerton Street to NH Route 102). The proposed change was to move construction funding beyond the TIP horizon due to a schedule shift and additional right-of-way acquisition time needed by the NHDOT.
- Hooksett 29611, (Reconstruction and widening of US 3/NH 28 from NH 27/Whitehall/Martin's Ferry Rd to Alice/West Alice Ave.) The project schedule has changed, with right-of-way work extending into fiscal year 2028, resulting in a portion of right-of-way funds being moved beyond the TIP horizon.

During the 10-day public comment period, one proposed change was received. The proposed amendment increases Section 5339 MTA funding for fiscal years 2026–2028 to utilize unobligated funds from previous years. SNHPC has worked closely with both NHDOT and the Manchester Transit Authority to process this change.

Mr. O'Neil of Manchester made a motion to adopt the TIP Amendment #4, seconded by Mr. Rhodes of Deerfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of FY 2029-2038 Ten-Year Plan Process

Deputy Executive Director Nathan Miller discussed the upcoming 10-Year Plan (TYP) process. The current TYP for 2027 to 2036 is still under review by the legislature. Mr. Miller noted that preparations have already begun for the next plan covering 2029 to 2038. He explained that the plan includes all transportation modes such as highways, transit, and airports.

Mr. Miller outlined the typical Ten-Year Plan update process:

- Starting in spring of even years, RPCs review and update project prioritization criteria and solicit project submissions from municipalities.
- Submitted projects are reviewed and prioritized through engineering evaluations with an on-call engineer.
- Candidate projects are then prioritized, and an initial shortlist sent to NHDOT for feedback.
- NHDOT's internal Ten-Year Plan committee will review and provide feedback, after which the shortlist will be refined into a final, fiscally-constrained set of regional project priorities.
- These priorities will be submitted to NHDOT for inclusion in the draft Ten-Year Plan, which will then proceed to public hearings via the GACIT process (Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation).

Mr. Miller noted that this will be a different update cycle due to ongoing funding constraints, similar to the previous TYP cycle, including stagnant federal revenues and higher construction costs. NHDOT has advised that no new project solicitations be conducted for the 2029–2038 plan, given the current funding limitations. Instead, SNHPC will focus on reviewing and verifying the scope and necessity of existing Ten-Year Plan projects with municipalities.

Mr. Miller proposed a contingency plan in case of unexpected funding increases. Historically, federal reauthorizations have resulted in level or increased funding. If additional funds become available, the first priorities for reinstatement would be the projects in the region cut in the previous Ten-Year Plan, including:

- I-293 Exit 6 and Exit 7 Reconstruction
- Manchester 44221 - Exit 8/Wellington Road Improvement Project
- Deerfield 44223 - Intersection Safety Improvements (Route 107/Candia Rd./Church St.)

If further funding is available, the next set of priorities would be projects previously queued for inclusion in the 2027–2036 plan, but not funded due to financial constraints:

- Engineering Study of Beech and Maple Street Active Transportation Opportunities (Manchester)
- Add Supplemental Funding to Project 13692F to Include Preliminary Design of the Multiuse Path as part of the NH Route 101 Engineering Study (Bedford)
- Intersection Improvements at I-93 Exit 11 and Hackett Hill Road (Hooksett)
- Windham Greenway Trail Improvements (Windham)
- Add Supplemental Funding to Project 44221 to Extend Bicycle Lanes to Lindstrom Lane (Manchester)
- Town Center Roadway Improvements (New Boston)

Mr. Tripp inquired if any projects were removed from the plan. Mr. Miller noted that I-293 Exit 1 in Manchester was initially cut but later reinstated by GACIT at their final meeting. He expects it will remain, but if removed, it will be prioritized for re-inclusion if additional funding becomes

available. Future funding remains uncertain, especially with the pending federal transportation reauthorization.

Discussion:

- Mr. Tripp inquired about funding for engineering support. Mr. Miller confirmed that the Unified Planning Work Program provides funding for on-call engineering services, which are used for project scoping and maintaining the regional travel demand model.
- A question was raised about whether increasing tolls for out-of-state drivers would affect project funding. Mr. Miller stated that higher toll revenue could facilitate funding for the Exit 6 and 7 projects, which are turnpike projects. Advocacy for these projects remains a high priority due to regional safety benefits.
- Mr. Rose from NHDOT advised everyone to monitor Senate Bill 627, which proposes toll rate adjustments for the New Hampshire Turnpike system.

Next Steps:

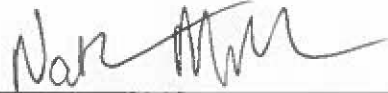
Mr. Miller advised that, in the coming weeks, SNHPC will correspond with municipalities to verify the existing projects in the Ten-Year Plan are still priorities. A solicitation for on-call engineering services will be conducted, as the current contract with VHB ends June 30. The RFQ is expected to be released in early May, pending NHDOT review. SNHPC aims to have an on-call engineering firm in place for upcoming project work and updates.

OTHER BUSINESS (none)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Kunhardt of Francestown, seconded by Ms. Kambol of New Boston, and carried unanimously. Vice Chair Schnakenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the April 28, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.



Nathan Miller, Executive Director



Aloyo Yen, Office and Finance Administrator/Recording Clerk