



Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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Minutes of the SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION January 27, 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

Auburn	Bill Jean, Chair
Bedford	Marc Snyder
Bedford	Ed Comiskey, Alt.
Candia	Ron Laverdure
Deerfield	Erroll Rhodes
Derry	Richard Tripp
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	Raymond Clement, Treasurer
MTA	Mike Whitten
Windham	Peter Griffin
Windham	Edgar Lapointe

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Bedford	John Nelson
Bedford	Nadir Ali, Alt.
Chester	Deb Munson
Derry	Jeff Moulton
Goffstown	Jacob LaFontaine
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg, Secretary
Londonderry	Brian Battaglia
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
Manchester	Kevin Sheppard, Alt.
NHDES	Jack Wade
NHDOT	Denise Sherburne
Strafford RPC	Colin Lentz
Windham	DJ Withee

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Chester	Andrew Hadik
Deerfield	Fred McGarry
Derry	John O'Connor
Goffstown	Jo Ann Duffy
Francestown	Gary Schnakenberg, Vice Chair
Francestown	Jennifer Vadney, Alt.
Londonderry	Suzanne Brunelle
Manchester	Dan O'Neil
MTA	Ryan Renauld-Smith, Alt.
MTA	Tracey Whitehead, Alt.
New Boston	Ellen Kambol
NHDES	Mac Bevier

VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Candia	
Weare	
Manchester Airport	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn	Chris Sterndale
Auburn	Jeffrey Porter, Alt.
Bedford	Danielle Evansic
Bedford	Dan Heath
Bedford	Rebecca Hebert
Chester	Dana Theokas, Alt.
CNHRPC	Craig Tufts
CNHRPC	Matthew Baronas
FHWA	Leigh Levine
Hooksett	Jarrod Williams
Hooksett	Sheena Gilbert
Londonderry	Jeff Penta, Alt.
Londonderry	Patrick Cheetham, Alt.
Manchester	Elyza Agosta
Manchester	Marcus Ponce de Leon, Alt.
NHDOT	Bill Watson
New Boston	Jonathan Willard
RPC	David Walker
Windham	Tom Earley

STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Anthony Summers	Field Technician
Cameron Prolman	Senior Planner

STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

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

GUESTS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Londonderry	Kristan Farr
NH Housing	Sarah Wrightsman

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jean called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM. A quorum was present.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2025

Motion by Mr. Rhodes to approve the minutes of December 16, 2025. Motion was seconded by Ms. Kunhardt, and carried with Mr. Nelson and Ms. Sherburn abstaining. The vote was taken in conjunction with the roll call.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of FY 2025-2028 TIP Amendment #3

Senior Transportation Planner David Tilton noted that there had been no public comments or changes to the draft Fiscal Year 2025-2028 TIP Amendment #3 since the previous meeting. Ms. Kunhardt made a motion to adopt the TIP Amendment #3, seconded by Mr. LaPointe. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Proposed 2026 Regional Safety Performance Targets

Mr. Tilton and Senior GIS Analyst Zachary Swick discussed SNHPC's proposed 2026 Regional Safety Performance Targets. Mr. Tilton provided background on the five federally mandated safety performance measures:

- Number of Fatalities
- Fatality Rate
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Serious Injury Rate
- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

Mr. Tilton noted that MPOs have the flexibility to set their own safety targets or support the State-level performance targets. For 2026, SNHPC staff recommended that the SNHPC MPO support state targets for non-motorized fatalities while adopting regional targets for other measures. Mr. Tilton noted that the proposed regional performance targets were based on the objectives detailed in the SNHPC's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan, which includes a commitment to zero fatalities by 2050 and a 50% reduction of 2023 fatalities by 2035.

Mr. Swick presented an analysis of the projected number of fatalities in the SNHPC region in comparison to the State of NH's five-year targets. Ms. Griffin inquired about the advantage or purpose of setting a different target from the state. Mr. Swick explained that SNHPC made a commitment with its SS4A program and that the proposed targets reflect what is necessary for the region to meet that goal. Mr. Tripp asked if SNHPC has the number of serious injuries for 2025. Mr. Swick said that SNHPC does not have the numbers for 2025 yet.

Ms. Griffin asked where the crash data will be used when SNHPC applies for grants for its communities and whether there is funding available for advocating this type of work. Mr. Tilton noted that SNHPC uses crash data for road safety audits and other transportation planning efforts.

A discussion ensued regarding the merits of realistic vs. aspirational targets.

- Mr. Moulton commented that real data should be driving the decision on the performance targets. Mr. Miller noted that while safety is the highest criterion when SNHPC selects projects, SNHPC controls only a small fraction of the programming of transportation funding in the state. Additionally, many behavioral factors that contribute to fatal and severe injury crashes are beyond the MPO's control, including speeding, impairment, and distraction. Mr. Moulton agreed that SNHPC cannot control behavioral factors but noted that SNHPC should set expectations for what a realistic target is.
- Executive Director Sylvia von Aulock noted that setting realistic, but aggressive targets allows SNHPC to ask its communities or NHDOT what can be done to change the outcome and move beyond the status quo. She believes the SS4A report is a good step in the right direction to address these issues.
- Mr. Snyder suggested setting the targets to zero would be more meaningful. Mr. Swick noted that some MPOs choose aspirational targets of zero.
- Mr. Laverdure said that it's easier to set zero as the ideal point, which allows people to see clearly how far off they are from the target.
- Ms. Griffin said that, as a planning organization trying to map out a future course for the use of funds and planning in SNHPC communities, setting the target at zero is not realistic.
- Mr. LaPointe noted that the only difference he sees between setting the proposed targets and setting the targets at zero is patience. Ms. Kunhardt said that patience enables SNHPC to reach the best solution eventually.
- Mr. Whitten commented that the proposed targets lack real-world meaning and that he doesn't find them useful.
- Mr. Ali said that the focus should not be on what the target is, but rather on determining why certain targets were not met, looking at future projects, and developing action plans to ensure the targets are met.
- Mr. Rhodes added that if SNHPC receives the funding needed to take these steps, it's a public good, and SNHPC cannot afford to set the targets anywhere other than zero.
- Ms. von Aulock suggested that SNHPC could invite NHDOT to a future meeting to advise on the state's target setting process. She mentioned NHDOT's plan to visit high schools and speak with young drivers about safe driving. She also proposed that SNHPC coordinate with its communities to arrange for high schools to have NHDOT conduct presentations on safe driving. Mr. Laverdure agreed.

Chair Jean inquired about the consequences of not adopting the targets. Mr. Miller explained that the deadline to adopt is February 27 and missing it could result in corrective measures from the Federal Highway Administration. Thus, each year, SNHPC aims to present the proposed targets in December and recommends that the MPO adopt targets in January.

Action:

Motion by Ms. Kunhardt to adopt the proposed 2026 Regional Safety Performance Targets, seconded by Mr. LaPointe. The motion passed with Mr. Snyder, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Battaglia, and Mr. Whitten opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS (none)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and carried unanimously. Chair Jean declared the meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the January 27, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director

Aloyo Yen, Office and Finance Administrator/Recording Clerk