

# Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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## Minutes of the SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

April 26, 2022  
11:30 A.M.

Meeting held in-person at the SNHPC office (438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, NH). Virtual participation in the MPO meeting was also accommodated via Zoom due to COVID-19.

### MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Bedford	Bill Jean
Bedford	Charlie Fairman
Candia	Albert Hall
Chester	Andrew Hadik
Chester	Deborah Munson
Deerfield	Robert Cote
Goffstown	David Pierce
Londonderry	Martin Srugis
Manchester	Peter Capano
Manchester	Raymond Clement
Windham	Peter Griffin
Windham	Edgar Lapointe

### MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Auburn	William Herman
Bedford (Alt)	Barbara Salvatore
Candia	Rudy Cartier
Derry	John O'Connor
Francestown (Alt)	Alfred Eisenberg
Goffstown	Barbara Griffin
Goffstown	Jacob LaFontaine
Londonderry	Suzanne Brunelle
Londonderry	Arthur Rugg
Londonderry	Lynn Wiles, Alt.
Manchester	Daniel O'Neil
New Boston	David Litwinovich
Windham	John Hiltz
Tim White	NHDES

### GUEST PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Fred McNeill	City of Manchester
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### GUEST VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Craig Tufts	Central NH RPC
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### VOTING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS VACANT

Bedford	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seat
Hooksett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seat

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Auburn (Alt)	Jeffrey Porter
Bedford	Danielle Evansic
Deerfield	Frederick McGarry
Goffstown (Alt)	Jo Ann Duffy
Hooksett	Nicholas Williams
Weare	Naomi Bolton
FHWA	Leigh Levine
William Rose	NHDOT

### STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Sylvia von Aulock	Executive Director
Nathan Miller	Deputy Executive Director
Linda Moore-O'Brien	Office Administrator
James Vayo	Project Manager

### STAFF VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Adam Hlasny	Sr. Transportation Planner
Carl Eppich	Pr. Transportation Planner
Zachary Swick	Senior GIS Analyst
Tammy Zamoyski	Regional Planner

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Auburn	Paula Marzloff
Bedford	William Duschatko
Bedford (Alt)	Bryan Lord
Derry	Jeff Moulton
Derry	Richard Tripp
Francestown	Linda Kunhardt
Francestown (Alt)	Jennifer Vadney
Hooksett	Denise Pichette Volk
Londonderry (Alt)	Brian Battaglia
Londonderry	Deborah Lievens
Manchester	Donald Waldron
New Boston	Mark Suennen
Weare	Tom Clow

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport	Theodore Kitchens
Manchester Transit	Mike Whitten

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Griffin called the MPO meeting to order at 11:32 AM. A quorum was present in-person.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2022**

Motion by Mr. Hall to approve the minutes for March 22, 2022, seconded by Mr. Fairman. Motion carried, with Messrs. Hadik, Cartier, Litwinovich, Hiltz and Ms. Griffin and Brunelle abstaining. Vote taken by roll call.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

In place of old business, Ms. von Aulock expressed appreciation for all commissioners, especially the following long-serving members:

#### **5-10 Years of Service**

- Peter Griffin
- Al Hall
- John O'Connor
- Barbara Salvatore
- Andrew Hadik
- Deb Munson
- Jeff Moulton
- Jennifer Vadney
- Suzanne Brunelle
- Mark Suennen

#### **Over 10 Years**

- Bill Duschatko
- Deb Lievens
- Dan O'Neil
- Ray Clement
- Jo Ann Duffy
- Martin Srugis

#### **Over 20 Years**

- Peter Capano
- Art Rugg
- Fred McGarry

#### **Over 30 Years!!**

- Barbara Griffin
- Bill Herman

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2022 SNHPC Vehicle/Bike/Ped Counting**

Adam Hlasny, SNHPC Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the regional traffic counting program as well as the bike-ped counting program.

He explained that the reasons for counting cars include the federal Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS), the SNHPC Travel Demand Model, municipal requests, and developments of regional impact.

Mr. Hlasny stated about half of the 1,200 counts conducted around the region are for NHDOT, and the other half are for SNHPC. Traffic counts can be found on the SNHPC website's Traffic Count Web Map: <https://www.snhpc.org/transportation/traffic-counts/pages/traffic-count-web-map>. The traffic counting season runs from mid-April until mid-November.

He then spoke about the Bike-Ped counts, which SNHPC began in 2017. Mr. Hlasny noted these are conducted year-round on trails and sidewalks. Municipalities find the counts helpful for infrastructure justification, trail planning and to gauge event attendance.

Municipalities are encouraged to contact SNHPC for either vehicle or bike-ped counting requests.

In response to a question from Mr. Clement about vandalism, Mr. Hlasny said one ped counter was stolen last year in Derry, but that is out of 100+ placements. He noted that field staff take care to secure counters carefully and try to obscure the counter's position.

Mr. O'Neil requested clarification of trail counter placements, and Mr. Hlasny volunteered to provide a map. It was noted that the Hands Across the Merrimack pedestrian bridge is considered part of the Piscataquog Trail.

Responding to a follow-up question, Mr. Hlasny said the ped counters cost \$3,000-4000, although some less expensive models are now available which do not indicate direction. Mr. Miller noted 90% of the cost is reimbursed by the UPWP, and the remaining 10% is paid by SNHPC.

Mr. Griffin inquired about night activity, and Mr. Hlasny replied there is some night activity in Manchester, but very little in more rural communities.

Mr. Eisenberg asked about counting in small communities, and Mr. Hlasny reported that SNHPC performed a traffic count in Frankestown last year at the request of Town Administrator Jamie Pike. Ms. von Aulock clarified there is no direct cost to the town for this service.

There was discussion about timing: vehicle counts can alert police when speeding occurs on a particular roadway. In addition, developments of regional impact benefit from traffic counts.

Ms. Munson questioned how far the counter scans passersby, and Mr. Hlasny said 15 feet is guaranteed, but SNHPC experience is often more like 20-25 feet.

Mr. Hall mentioned a recent homicide on a trail in Concord. Mr. Pierce said he provides Goffstown Rail Trail count information to the Parks and Police departments.

Mr. Fairman led a discussion about exchanging count information with developers to enhance overall understanding. Mr. Hlasny said he occasionally receives calls from developers. Ms. von Aulock said in the case of a recent Chester/Candia DRI, the municipal team provided count information and SNHPC reviewed it. In addition, SNHPC provided a traffic count due to resident concerns about speeding in a particular area.

In terms of obtaining developer data, it was noted developers often have a one-time count, versus a repetitive cycle that SNHPC would conduct. Mr. Eppich commented it would be nice if we knew all of the developers and could exchange information; but rather than a one-time count at one intersection, SNHPC provides regular counts on a 3-year basis.

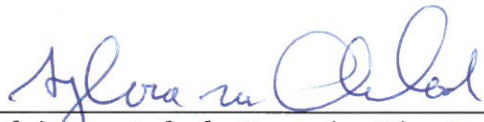
Mr. Fairman said it would be interesting to compare before and after counts in the Market & Main area of Bedford to see if the forecasted counts were accurate.

**Other Business** (none)

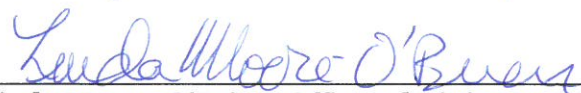
**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Mr. Hall to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Capano. Chair Griffin declared the MPO meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.***

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.



Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director



Linda Moore-O'Brien, Office Administrator