

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 14th, 2025; 4:00-5:00 PM

In-Person Participation Option:

Kilton Public Library
Community Room
80 Main St, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Members Present: Austin Ford (Claremont), Dick Jones (Lyme, Vice Chair), Ellen Hender (Vital Communities) Lynn Arnold (Sunapee), Dan Nash (Lebanon), Chris Pelletier (Newport, Remote)

**Indicates alternate present without voting privileges*

Partners Present: Chris Turgeon (NHDOT), Ross Wood (NHDOT District 2 Engineer), Bill Watson (NHDOT), Shannon Aiton (NHDOT), Mac Bevier (NHDES)

UVLSRPC Staff: John Haffner, Ian Garland

I. Call to order. Vice Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

II. Action on Minutes from August 12, 2025.

Lynn Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12th and Dan Nash seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. GACIT Hearing Updates

UVLSRPC staff gave updates about how the meetings in the region went.

Watson shared experiences at GACIT hearings in Newport and Newbury – Come out and speak in support of your projects. There have been state representatives at every GACIT hearing. Toll revenue is important for the infrastructure to get up to the Upper Valley and out of the Upper Valley. Reminder that hearings are all accessible virtually.

Pelletier: At GACIT in Newport, red listed bridges came up. We fixed one of our red-listed bridges and it ended up costing less than if we had gone through the state process.

Watson: Understand that perspective. We have been hearing that feedback more and more. Different levels of regulation depend on the government source of funding. Seeing some indications that federal regulations are being loosened. It is not happening at the state level yet. We will have new federal transportation legislation in 2027.

IV. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Update

UVLSRPC staff gave updates on the TAP program, stating that there are two TAP projects going into the Ten-Year Plan from the region.

Lebanon: Construct 2,160 LF of asphalt sidewalk, with associated ADA components, on US Route 4 adjacent to downtown Lebanon.

Enfield: Construct 4850 feet of gravel and stone dust trail along NH Route 4 and build 550 feet worth of additional parallel parking along Main Street to access both this trail and the Northern Rail Trail.

V. RPC Updates

UVLSRPC Staff provided an update on the transportation planning work happening in the state and in the region.

The Community Transportation Transitions project through NEEP has been canceled by DOE, effective October 2nd.

We are currently in the process of finishing up the last of our field season. Traffic counts in Lebanon and Hanover and CCDS to complete in Acworth, should be wrapped up by the end of October.

Beginning to look ahead to our field season next year. Looking for projects for Statewide Asset Data Exchange (SADES) which includes stream crossings, pedestrian infrastructure, road surface management systems, and guard rails.

Thriving Communities Grant Update; Completing Stream crossing reassessments for those that have shown to be vulnerable.

Hired Beta Group as UVLSRPC's on-call engineering firm.

Sullivan County SS4A: UVLSRPC is a stakeholder. The project evaluates the County's roadways, and then develops specific action plans, which identifies road safety challenges and treatments that fulfill USDOT requirements.

VI. Updates from members.

Bevier: DOT still has funding for clean diesel programs – reach out if interested in submitting a proposal

Ford: New planning and development director – Annie Stead

VII. Other business

VIII. Adjourn

Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

*Next TAC meeting will be, December 9th at 4:00 p.m