



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, September 19, 2025

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Mary Brauer, Cheryl Wallace, Nickole Boardman

Core Members Absent: Adam Burney

Advisory Group Present: Jill Dube (Sudbury Senior Center Asst. Director/Outreach Coordinator)

Advisory Group Absent: Martha Welsh, Chief Scott Nix, Carmine Gentile, Maura Carty

Guests: Linda Faust, Nina Lurie (Town Social Worker), Jon Kuehn (Uber), Jeff Lin (Uber), Eric Cartrite (Uber)

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:30 AM. Dan made an announcement that this was a public meeting, and the meeting was being broadcast live via zoom and recorded by Sudbury TV. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Dan assigned Adam as co-host. Dan stated that he would like to end this meeting within an hour.

Selection of Clerk: Mary was assigned duties of Clerk for the meeting.

Transportation Voucher Pilot Program

The voucher system started on September 1. Jill and Dan reported that a couple of riders wrote in saying they had some difficulty getting set up, some others called in trying to use the former system sign-ups, all issues were handled. At this point, of the assigned 27 vouchers, 9 vouchers have been used and there were 16 rides. People who were formerly using taxis are now asking friends and family for rides.

Uber Demonstration and Clarifications

The Uber representatives clarified that pick up and drop off locations are based solely on longitude and latitude instead of addresses to protect users' privacy. This means that the pick up or destination points can range 110 – 200 feet away from the actual address (about a city block). Riders whose visual or mobile abilities are impacted report difficulties with this leeway.

The Uber representatives demonstrated their Emergency Ride Home system, which could be added at no cost to Sudbury at this time. The Transportation Committee will discuss eligibility parameters and vote to incorporate this or not in a following meeting.

Go Sudbury Email

Dan will work with the town's IT department to set up a GoSudbury email that will be accessible to Jill, Nina and Dan.

Budget and Finances

At the close of GoSudbury 1.0, there were 354 taxi rides, 345 Uber rides with 544 different people signed up for the program. We still have ARPA funds, which will be transferred to the MWRTA budget. Adam will verify the if the amount is \$300k or \$350k . We have the State earmark for \$50,00k and GoSudbury earmark for \$31,259k.

Alice said the MassDOT grant application deadline is coming up. She, Nickole and Jim from the MWRTA will discuss the possibility of expanding the routes.

Administrative

Alice said that Medford and Brookline reached out to ask about our pilot programs. They want to expand their micro transportation programs and heard about our successful one. Alice will contact them.

Action Items

- Dan will send an article on micro transportation to the committee.
- Dan will create a group email box for vouchers.
- Adam will verify the money earmarked for 2025
- Nickole and Alice will get in touch with MWRTA about grant opportunities.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the committee will be Friday, October 3, at 10:30 by Zoom.

Adjournment: Adam moved to adjourn; Alice seconded. Roll call vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.