



# Town of Sudbury

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## Sudbury Transportation Committee

### Minutes

**Friday, December 12, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**Via Town Zoom Conference Call**

**Core Members Present:** Daniel Carty (Chair), Alice Sapienza, Cheryl Wallace, Adam Burney, Nickole Boardman

**Core Members Absent:** Mary Brauer

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

**Guests:** Jill Dube, Senior Center Assistant Director/Outreach Coordinator; Kirsten Wilcox, Community Social Worker; Linda Faust

## Confirmation of Quorum and Call to Order

Having confirmed that statutory notice requirements were met, Chair Dan Carty convened the meeting at 10:32 AM. He announced that the meeting was a public meeting, broadcast live via Zoom and recorded by Sudbury TV. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Carty appointed Adam Burney as Zoom co-host.

Nickole Boardman was assigned the duties of Clerk for this meeting.

## Financial Status and Program Updates

The committee reviewed the financial status and program updates. Dan Carty presented revised Go Sudbury program costs, noting a significant decrease. He reported that 90 participants were enrolled and no one had been turned away for vouchers. Adam Burney confirmed that three taxi rides had been provided at a cost of approximately \$90 and that no bills had yet been received from the taxi company.

Dan proposed paying the \$80,000 Catch Connect bill for continued service using available funds. Adam confirmed the bill was due by the end of 2026, and the committee agreed this was feasible.

## Voucher Usage and Monitoring

The committee discussed voucher tracking and usage. Adam Burney raised concerns about unused vouchers and the possibility of addressing consistent non-use. Dan Carty explained that voucher usage was tracked, but no action had been taken to date. Jill Dube shared that voucher management had not been problematic and suggested allowing additional time before making changes. The committee agreed to continue monitoring unused and partially used vouchers.

## **Transportation Voucher Budget Review**

The committee reviewed voucher usage and budgeting, noting that current usage aligned with the established threshold. Dan emphasized the importance of continued monitoring and noted that ARPA funds expire at the end of the calendar year. The committee discussed paying the Catch Connect bill and the potential use of free cash to support future funding. Dan planned to ask the Select Board about data requirements for a future funding request, with warrant articles due by January 30.

## **Catch Connect Data and Hospital Shuttle**

The committee discussed presenting Catch Connect program data to the Select Board. Members agreed that the presentation should include both quantitative and qualitative data, including rider testimonials. The committee also reviewed the hospital shuttle contract, noting that approximately \$80,500 remained and that the contract would be extended through June. Adam Burney confirmed he had the necessary paperwork to finalize the extension once authorized by the Town Manager.

## **Emergency Uber Rides**

The committee discussed implementing an emergency Uber rides program for Go Sudbury participants, including after-hours service. Members discussed defining what constitutes an emergency, potential limits on usage, and whether access should be self-service or require social worker approval. Kirsten Wilcox was tasked with further defining emergency criteria and coordinating with staff. The committee agreed that emergency rides should remain separate from longer-term transportation need.

## **Additional Items**

The committee reviewed the online feedback available for FedNor, noting generally positive reviews but limited detail. Dan Carty agreed to follow up with the provider.

## **Minutes Approval**

Two sets of meeting minutes, dated September 5 and November 14, were presented with edits highlighted. Alice Sapienza made a motion to approve the September 5 minutes as amended, and Adam Burney seconded the motion. The November 14 minutes were then reviewed; Adam Burney made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments, and Alice Sapienza seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and approval of both sets of minutes was unanimous.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2026, at 10:30 AM, via Zoom. Nickole Boardman noted she would be absent.

## **Adjournment**

Adam Burney moved to adjourn, and Alice Sapienza seconded the motion. A roll call vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.