



# Town of Sudbury

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## Sudbury Transportation Committee

### Minutes

Friday, January 9, 2026

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Mary Brauer, Cheryl Wallace, Adam Burney

Core Members Absent: Nickole Boardman

Advisory Group Present:

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

Guests: Jill Dube, Nina Lurie, Linda Faust

**Confirmation of Quorum:** The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:36AM. 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.

**Selection of Clerk:** Dan assigned Mary duties of Clerk for the meeting.

Dan reminded the committee to complete town-related tasks, such as ethics training and swearing in at the town clerk's office. The group planned to discuss the Select Board's recent meeting, annual report preparations, Uber voucher usage, and FedNor-related topics. They also intended to address emergency rides, including defining what constitutes an emergency and exploring time-bound sign-up forms, with contributions from Jill and Alice.

### Transportation Projects and Funding Updates

The team discussed several ongoing projects and updates. Adam reported that the hospital ride shuttle was sent and signed. Dan noted that attempts to contact FedNor were unsuccessful, and Jill mentioned challenges with staff shortages affecting road shows at housing complexes. The team reviewed financial updates and a memo from Vivian Zeng highlighting the health department's positive view of transportation services. Adam agreed to follow up with Rep. Carmine Gentile's office regarding state earmarked funds.

### Select Board Update

Dan presented transportation's financials to the Select Board and noted the importance of transportation from Boston area hospitals. He presented a recap on MWRTA, Uber and Catch Connect's ridership and pickup/drop-off locations. He shared that year-to-date Catch Connect had completed nearly 3,000 trips, with ridership increasing steadily since September. The data showed popular pickup locations included Coolidge, shopping areas, and Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School, while drop-off locations included Goodnow Library. Based on this information and a health department testimonial, the Select Board agreed to move forward with an article for continued funding.

### **Flash Vote Transportation Survey Planning**

The group discussed using Flash Vote, a town-run sampling app, to gauge community interest in transportation options. They agreed to create questions about current transportation awareness and potential shuttle services to train stations, with a focus on including Coldbrook Crossing and other underserved areas. Dan offered to research Coldbrook Crossing's shuttle service and work with Layla on crafting questions for the next Flash Vote survey.

### **Shuttle Service Planning Discussion**

The group discussed plans for a shuttle service between train stations, with Adam emphasizing the need to clearly define hours and routes to avoid confusion. Dan proposed creating a cost framework with various shuttle options to present to the Select Board. The team agreed to start a conversation with Layla about sending out a Flash Vote survey to gather community input, with Adam tasked to develop impactful questions. Additionally, Dan mentioned the need to work on the annual report, which he would draft following the framework used in recent years.

### **Annual Report and Voucher Review**

Dan discussed the annual report draft, which will be reviewed at the next meeting. He also reviewed Uber voucher usage, noting that 46 vouchers were issued in December, with 19 fully used and 6 partially used, totaling \$693.60. In January, 30 vouchers were issued, with 6 fully used and 4 partially used. Dan mentioned that they may need to find a new WAV provider since FedNor has not responded to their outreach. The group also briefly touched on emergency rides, but Jill was not present to provide more information.

### **Emergency Ride Voucher Program Implementation**

The group discussed implementing an emergency ride voucher program through Uber, with Nina and Jill previously meeting to establish protocols for after-hours exceptions. Dan explained that Uber could implement a time-bound splash page limiting emergency ride requests to after 3:30 PM, with the estimated cost of \$100 for necessary software add-ons. The group agreed on a \$30 voucher amount as a starting point, with Adam suggesting this would cover most emergency situations within Sudbury. They decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting on February 6th at 10:30 AM, where they will finalize parameters for the program and reach out to Uber for implementation.

**Next Meeting:** Dan suggested that the meeting frequency could probably change to monthly as opposed to bi-weekly and members agreed. He suggested the next meeting be held on Friday November 14 at 10:30am and members again agreed.

**Adjournment:** Dan called for motion to adjourn at 11:21am. Alice moved, Adam seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

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