



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2026

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Core Members Absent:

Guests: Jill Dube, Kirstin Wilcox, Linda Faust, Kay Ball

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:32AM. 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 himself duties of Clerk for the meeting.

Dan outlined several agenda items including a financial update, discussion of the emergency ride home program, **FlashVote survey**, TMA rejoining inquiry, updates on vouchers and FedNor wheelchair accessible vendor partnership, and the previous day's health fair.

Health Fair and Outreach Planning

Feedback on the recent health fair **event was deemed** successful, with positive feedback from attendees and effective community engagement. Plans were discussed for upcoming transportation outreach events, including roadshows at housing complexes in May and participation in the Sudbury 250 event on May 16th, where transportation services information will be shared at a joint table with the senior center. The group also noted progress on the emergency ride home program, including a recent meeting with Uber to discuss technical aspects and prototype development.

FlashVote Survey, Program and Voucher System Updates, FedNor

The team discussed the status of a draft **FlashVote survey**, which is second in line for distribution and expected to go out in May. Dan next provided updates on backend changes to the signup systems for both the overall **GoSudbury program** and the vouchers, including new formatting requirements for phone numbers and folder reorganization to facilitate the Emergency Ride Home Uber requirements as well as migration to the town's Google Workspace. Dan and Jill agreed to meet around the 21st to

review these changes before May voucher distribution, which typically occurs in the last week of the month. Dan also mentioned progress on finalizing a contract with FedNor, a vendor for wheelchair accessible **vehicles**, similar to their previous work with Annex.

Program Financial Review

Dan presented data on voucher program usage, showing that out of 282 vouchers requested, 164 were used while 118 were requested but not used. The team discussed sharing the unmasked data with Jill, Nina, and Kirstin to identify specific residents who may need follow-up regarding voucher usage. Financial updates were provided, showing the program remains below the target of 30 vouchers used at \$30 each, with 118 people enrolled overall and declining monthly sign-ups. Dan confirmed they still have available funds from the second tranche of earmark money, though he will verify this balance.

Dan and Adam discussed financial matters, including the tracking of funds and an upcoming \$50,000 state earmark. Adam agreed to check with Shawna and the Town Accountant regarding fund distribution issues. Dan mentioned presenting a town meeting warrant article for \$100,000 free cash and invited feedback from the committee. The group also briefly touched on the transition from **Uber and Taxi** to Catch Connect and the importance of linking the presentation to the master plan and economic development.

Possible TMA Partnership

The Transportation Management Association (TMA) discussion focused on a potential partnership initiative, with the 495 Metro West Partnership offering to lead as the fiduciary agency. Adam proposed authorizing up to \$5,000 in funding, which would be reduced if more communities participated, and noted support from the Town Manager. Alice expressed support for the idea but warned about past management challenges and emphasized the need for active involvement from the committee to ensure success. Dan suggested reserving a spot with a small initial commitment before making a full financial commitment. Dan expressed support for the initiative, noting its potential to address connectivity issues and support economic development. Adam clarified that the partnership would provide business relationships and **flexibility that was not limited by municipal boundaries** **IS THIS WHAT YOU MEAN?**. The group agreed to hold off on a formal vote, with Adam offering to cover initial costs to secure Sudbury's spot in the partnership. The committee discussed applying for a grant from the 495 Metro West partnership, with Adam confirming they had already committed to supporting it. Dan agreed to provide information about the partnership to the committee before seeking a vote to allocate funds at the next meeting.

Emergency Rides Program Governance

The group reviewed a new emergency ride voucher system with Uber, which would provide \$100 vouchers for emergency rides starting or ending in Sudbury. While the technical implementation was

nearly complete, the committee identified the need to clarify whether vouchers should be limited to one per person or one per month before launching the program around May 1st.

The team discussed governance and implementation details for an emergency rides program offering \$100 vouchers. They agreed to limit requests to once per month per person and clarified that misuse of the program would result in removal from access rather than using the term "abuse." The group decided to add language specifying that participants must be signed up for Go Sudbury and that town staff would likely follow up to ensure safety. Dan suggested the program start with a soft rollout in May, targeting May 1st

Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next meeting was scheduled for May 15th at 10:30 AM. Dan called for motion to adjourn at 11:44am. Adam moved, Mary seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote (Nickole had to leave the meeting shortly before it concluded).