



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, June 12, 2026 10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Guests: Jill Dube, Linda Faust, Ariel Powers (Assistant Planning Director), Kay Bell

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:31AM. 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 Nickole duties of Clerk for the meeting.

Transportation Committee Meeting Updates: Motion was made to have Dan continue as chair and discussion pursued about memberships being reappointed and letters from Select Board in mail. Those who are reappointed must go to town hall to take oath of office.

The emergency ride home vouchers are ready to go. They have been tested-they are limited to once a month, and they will expire in 24 hours. Jill will work with Nina and Kirsten will notify and educate public on availability of vouchers through email, mail and website.

The committee reviewed recent events. Sudbury 250 Day went well. Dan will send Thank You note to MWRTA for all the swag they provided for table. Dan educated many folks at Sud 250 table as well as received praise for program. The farmer's market reportedly went well; no rides were requested for this event.

Follow-up on several topics, including: TMA membership, Flash Vote, and a FedNor contract. Adam agreed to check with Acton about the TMA and next steps since they were leading the partnership setup. Adam also agreed to reach out to Leila regarding Flash Vote to determine current status and timeline. The FedNor contract is nearly complete. Adam sought clarification about covering the full ride value for medical, employment, grocery, social services, and transit connections within 25 miles, which Dan confirmed was appropriate. The group identified a concern about ride availability with previous WAV providers and discussed the need to address this with the Commission on Disability, particularly regarding response times and booking notice requirements.

The team discussed the 24-hour notice requirement for rides in the contract and confirmed that FedNor operates Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They agreed that riders could work with both Jill and the social work department for transportation services. Dan mentioned they would review the legal language. The

group planned to have a further discussion about rules of the road and enrollment requirements in their next session.

Dan presented a financial update through April, including new information on 2026 Town Meeting funding and Uber charges for May, which was close to the budget target.

The team reviewed voucher usage for May: 52 vouchers were distributed, with 19 fully used, 12 partially used, and 21 unused. Although voucher requests continue to increase, the current system appears to be working effectively, and eligible users are still able to obtain vouchers when needed. The discussion also highlighted a steady stream of new customers, with six sign-ups in April and four in May.

Funding sources for transportation services, including ARPA money, state earmarks, and town meeting approvals were reviewed. The status of the hospital shuttle service was discussed, which has low ridership in Sudbury and faces an upcoming deadline to decide on continuation, with about \$15,000 remaining in the grant. Plans for expanding CatchConnect services and the need to engage with MWRTA regarding potential expansion opportunities, including connecting to Framingham and other service areas, were noted. Dan will start an email chain with Jim Nee and include Nickole for discussion on opportunities to expand.

Linda Faust made a comment about her last ride with CatchConnect. Dan agreed to reach out to CatchConnect to make sure they were aware that the driver needs to call Linda upon arrival in the future.

Minutes: No minutes were reviewed this meeting.

Next Meeting: Dan suggested the next meeting be held on Friday, July 10, with agreement from members.

Adjournment: Dan called for motion to adjourn at 11:29am; Adam moved, Alice seconded, and roll call for agreement to adjourn was unanimous.