Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee
Minutes
Friday, July 10 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: Jim Nee, MWRTA; Daniel Fitch MWRTA; Linda Faust: Kirstin Wilcox

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 was assigned Mary duties of Clerk for the meeting.

Dan reminded the committee to swear in at the Town Clerk's office.

CatchConnect Service Expansion Discussion

Jim Nee confirmed that CatchConnect fares will remain free for the remainder of 2026 and through FY27. Daniel Fitch from MWRTA and Jim Nee, the administrator at MWRTA, discussed expansion opportunities, including a potential connection to Maynard, northern Framingham at Edgell and Water Street and Marlboro made possible by a recent earmark and fare-free budget. Jim noted these expansions could be implemented quickly without additional costs to the existing agreement.

Jim explained that while the geographic expansion might require additional resources like an extra driver or van, the map redrawing costs would be minimal. The discussion highlighted potential benefits including access to Market Basket, Digital Way businesses, and the Nobscot area near McAuliffe Library. Jim clarified that the proposed transit zone should focus on specific intersections in North Framingham rather than covering the entire area to better serve Sudbury residents and connect with the fixed-route system. Dan raised a question about including the Sudbury Food Pantry location in the service area, and Jim confirmed this could be easily added to the map if not already included.

While the group expressed enthusiasm for the proposal, Jim and Adam raised important concerns about future funding, noting that while current grants cover through FY27, Sudbury would eventually need to bear 30-40% of the local costs by FY28 or FY29.

TMA Discussion

Adam confirmed they were awarded a grant for 495 Metro West but the timing and form are still uncertain. Dan discussed a proposal that needs select board approval and proposed bringing it to the August 11th meeting agenda. Jim confirmed strong support from the regional delegation and neighboring RTAs for the cross-border connections project.

Hospital Shuttle

Adam informed the group that the hospital shuttle service has ended as the grant funding concluded on June 30th, 2026, with approximately $15,000 remaining unspent.

Emergency Uber Voucher Program Revisions

The committee discussed revisions to a notice about the emergency Uber voucher program. Kirstin and Adam provided feedback on making the language clearer, including adding "supplemental" and "emergency" to the title, and explaining that it's separate from the regular monthly voucher program. The group agreed to modify the text to read "new emergency ride option available to Uber voucher program participants" and decided not to include the application link in the initial notice to avoid an immediate flood of applications.

FedNor Vehicle Service Implementation

The team discussed implementing a FedNor accessible vehicle service, agreeing on parameters including a 25-mile radius, round trip capability, and one ride per month with full cost coverage. Adam will follow up with FedNor regarding the contract details.

Administration and Communication

The committee approved the minutes from March 6th and May 15th, 2026, and discussed next steps including communicating with Layla about free rides and hospital shuttle updates, and following up on food pantry implementation.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday August 14 at 10:30am.

Adjournment: Dan called for motion to adjourn at 11:32am. Adam moved, Alice seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.