



Draft Minutes Greater Nashua Regional Coordination Council for Community Transportation (RCC7)

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 10 am, Public Meeting with Zoom Option

Attendees:

Mike Apfelberg, United Way of Greater Nashua* (Zoom)
Bill Ayer, Voices of Major Drive*
Jessica Blanchette, Bridges* (Zoom)
Fred Butler, NH Department of Transportation (Zoom)
Sara Ceaser, United Way of Greater Nashua*
Nonny Egbuonu, Main Street United Methodist Church & Nashua Area Interfaith Council (Zoom)
Jon Eriquezzo, Meals on Wheels of Hillsborough County*
Maryann Gamache, Greater Nashua Mental Health (GNMH)
Ben Herbert, Region 8 Mobility Manager (Zoom)
Amy Hunt, Disabled Veteran, Concerned Citizen*
Janet Langdell, Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC)*, RCC7 Chair
Jim Leach, Harbor Care (Zoom)
Victoria Lee, Granite State Independent Living (GSIL)* (Zoom)
Charles Lewis, NH Department of Education
Kerry Miller, Nashua Transit System*, RCC7 Vice Chair
Thayna Miquelino, Lamprey Health
Rocky Morelli, Opportunity Networks*
Teri Palmer, Advanced Transit (Zoom)
Angelique Pandolph, Easterseals New Hampshire*
Don Paré, Gate City Bike Coop*
Deborah Ritcey, Granite State Independent Living (GSIL)* (Zoom)
Mary Frances Schoenley, Aging and Disability Resource Center (Zoom)
Kaitlyn Tuson, Harbor Care (Zoom)
Marina Vaz, Conservation Law Foundation*
James Wilkie, Caregivers*

NRPC Staff:

Donna Marceau, Regional Mobility Manager
Matt Waitkins, MPO Coordinator*
Salem Quinn, Admin./Comms. Coordinator

*Denotes RCC7 Voting Member

1. **Call to order:** Langdell called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of minutes**
 - **Motion by Pandolph: To approve February 26, 2026, Greater Nashua Regional Coordination Council for Community Transportation (RCC7) meeting minutes, as presented.** Second by Miller. A roll call vote was conducted. **Motion adopted** with Morelli, Paré, and Vaz abstaining.
3. **Statewide Coordinating Council update**
 - a. Strategic Goal 1 (Attachment 2): A draft template form was distributed to the RCCs from the SCC and is included in the meeting packet. Please send any feedback regarding the template to Pandolph or Langdell. The hope is that RCCs will fill out the form periodically to keep the SCC informed, as well as have a consolidated place to send inquiries to the SCC. [Keep NH Moving](#) will be the platform where these summaries will live and will provide two-way



communication between RCCs and the SCC. Any group, like Vaz's Transportation Equity group, can bring information to RCC, which will then make its way up to the SCC. It's still to be determined how often RCCs will fill out these forms. Able NH is working on Goal 2. Goal 2 and other goals should have updates soon.

- b. Updates about the Community Transportation Survey for Needs Assessment: They held a workshop last week to showcase preliminary data findings and to determine the most useful deliverables coming out of this project as they are getting to the end stages. April 20th is the anticipated day for the release. The idea is to get a baseline for what is going on in New Hampshire. The transportation provider survey is being sent out via email.
- c. There are not a lot of updates regarding the rural health transformation grant that DHHS received from our federal partners. Palmer recently attended a workshop that touched on this topic: You can watch a recording of the event and find related resources [here](#), including [contact information](#) for state officials and offices coordinating RHTP funding. DHHS is still meeting with DOT. More updates to come. Grant information from the Governor's Office and DHHS is available here: [Governor's Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health | Go North](#) and [Rural Health Transformation Program | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#)

4. Regional Mobility Manager highlights and outcomes

- a. Marceau received an email from Steve Workman, and he recognized RCC7 as an example of effective regional coordination.
- b. Youth Transportation Initiative update: working to get volunteer drivers to donate their time and their car to youth transportation. The program was off the table because no one wanted liability. But now there will be funding: Big Brothers and Big Sisters will take the lead. The Initiative helps youth who want their driver's license and need support to meet the required 40 driving hours. It's a huge issue throughout the state. Teenagers want to get their license and get jobs, but they don't have the money for the instruction, or the family doesn't have a vehicle to practice on. Marceau will find out the parameters of the program and whether it could help people over 18 as well.
- c. Since DCU was bought out, they are not doing the Axuda program anymore, which provided a \$600 no interest loan for needy people. DCU was very happy with our participation and thanked us profusely.
- d. 32 calls since last meeting: We reached the 1,000-call mark!
- e. Medicaid was the reason why we couldn't fulfill one ride. People don't want to use Medicaid; the broker system has always been problematic. Able NH is looking at setting up a listening session regarding Medicaid issues.
- f. Transportation to Boston area medical centers. New Lowell transportation is starting – and that can get them to MGH, so that part of the transportation to Boston is covered, although it is still a long trip. Looking at a Longwood Medical project with Via, a potential scheduled route.
- g. Marceau focuses on senior and disability events in the region.



- h. Milford Taxi can't commit to being a provider for the Community Rides pilot program.

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5. Executive Committee update:

- a. Miller gave an update about the LCTP Goals subcommittee and the progress made.
- b. Discussion about an alternative RCC 7 meeting schedule. Hunt would like meetings to stay monthly because it's easier to schedule transportation. There is the potential for meeting every other month and having the month we don't meet be for the working group/subcommittee. The schedule could be adjusted potentially during the summer. Waitkins will check with NHDOT about potential grant deadlines and action needed by the RCCs that would require voting at a meeting (i.e., 5310).
- c. Miller added that there is a Nashua Transit System (NTS) fare increase going into effect on April 6th, 2026; there is also a Travel Training program at NTS.
- d. Pandolph mentioned that a Bus Buddy Program id bring developed in Region 8: Pandolph is recruiting people to be a bus buddy.

6. Upcoming events

- a. Outreach events: Upcoming Souhegan Sustainability Fair and Nashua Sustainability Fair.
- b. Able NH meetings: [ABLE NH – Disability Justice Advocates](#) monthly Lunch & Learn events will be distributed to RCC7. The Friday, April 17th meeting will be about Travel Training featuring Kerry Miller and Liliana Vorehnm.

7. Member & Community Concerns and News

- a. Pare shared information about his "Uncle Don's Wit and Wisdom" Radio Show. Miller, Vaz, and Marceau were guests. WSMN 1590 AM / 95.3 FM: Tuesdays at 12 pm.
- b. Vaz reported on the Transportation Equity Meeting: There was a member presentation focused on the NTS bus system and potential improvements:
 - i. Call for increased safety and accessibility,
 - ii. Request to make stops safe, accessible, and well-lit,
 - iii. Sidewalks are not always there or are not always in good repair. Planning to go to DPW to advocate for more sidewalks in the future.

8. Other Updates: None were brought forward.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 am.

The next meeting is Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Salem Quinn, Administrative/Communications Coordinator, NRPC.