



Notice of meeting

Who: Nashua Region Complete Streets Advisory Committee
When: **Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at noon**
Where: NRPC Conference Room, 30 Temple Street, Suite 310, Nashua, NH, 03060. If you are unable to attend in-person, you may participate remotely through [Zoom](#):
Meeting ID: 886 1221 4504
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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review August 18, 2026 meeting notes
3. Education Outreach
4. Merrimack Walk Audit Pilot Update
5. CMAQ Grant Round
6. Statewide, Regional, Local updates
 - a. [Mobility 2050 – MTP Update](#)
 - b. [NRPC Bike & Ped Count Program](#)
 - c. Community updates
7. Adjourn

Next Nashua Region Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting:
Proposed: Tuesday, December 15, 2026, noon

Draft Meeting Notes Nashua Region Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 12 pm, Public Meeting with Zoom Option

Attendees:

Bill Ayer, Voices of Major Drive
Levent Akinci, City of Nashua, Sustainability
Adam Hlasny, SNHPC (Zoom)
Marina Vaz, Conservation Law Foundation (Zoom)
Ken Asai, Merrimack Town Center Committee (Zoom)

NRPC Staff:

Emma Rearick, Transportation Planner
Jay Minkarah, Executive Director
Tyrel Borowitz, GIS Analyst
Cassie Cashin, Regional Planner III
Salem Quinn, Admin./Comms. Coordinator

1. **Introduction:** Rearick called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Introductions were made.
2. **Review June 16, 2026, meeting notes:** No comments and no approval needed.
3. **Education Outreach:** Rearick discussed ongoing work with Cashin and Akinci regarding bike education with the City of Nashua. They decided to start with basic bike education before diving into e-bikes, since e-bikes are a controversial topic. The plan is to deploy bike etiquette educational signs in key places around the city of Nashua where there is a lot of bike activity. Nashua is discussing sandwich boards vs permanent metal signs. There has been an increase in e-bikes and e-motos. Cashin and Rearick recently attended a webinar from the League of American Cyclists regarding this increase. There were presentations from three different states that were struggling to define and regulate e-bikes and e-motos. The question is how to protect e-bike accessibility rights while keeping the public safe. Rearick reached out to the Bike Walk Alliance of NH regarding e-bike education for municipalities and is waiting to hear back from their director.
 - a. **Driver Education** Bike Walk Alliance of NH also facilitates a Bicycle Friendly Driver course. The group discussed that there would probably not be a lot of public interest in the course, but that we could use messaging in social media campaigns. Borowitz discussed that long terms goals are usually regarding adapting the road infrastructure, which is a slow process. But there are also changes that can happen now. He stated that even short-term striping or seasonal changes to the road can increase safety. The challenge is usually getting municipal buy in.
 - b. May is Bike Month and Wednesday Oct 7 is this year's National Bike and Walk to School Day.
4. **Walk Audit Pilot Program Update:** NRPC is in initial conversations with Merrimack and their Town Center Committee. Hopefully they will be our Walk Audit guinea pig, so that we can see how the program works in practice. Rearick and Cashin are interested in feedback on the program application form, especially regarding the applicant's responsibility. Winter and early summer are busy seasons for municipalities, so fall might be a better time to schedule audits. Vaz and Rearick discussed the overall time commitment, which is still being worked out. We are hoping for a max of 2 walk audits per year, so up to 6 months per audit. Timing is still to be determined depending on how the pilot program works in practice, and those time ranges could change. Borowitz noted that the Town Admin or Selectboard usually provides a letter of support for RSMS projects. Minkarah recommended requiring all applicants to provide a letter of support, not just non-profit applicants. It was noted that any projects developed from the Walk Audit process should include public involvement.
5. **Statewide, Regional, Local updates:**
 - a. **2027-2036 draft NH Ten Year Plan:** Vetoed by Governor. Veto override date is tomorrow (8/19). If it's not adopted, then the current TYP would stay in place.

- b. NRPC Bike & Ped Count Program:** There have been statewide conversations on how to better work together and coordinate counting. RPCs are all talking about it as well as NHDOT updating their traffic count database, which includes non-car information. Using a common database will hopefully create more consistency. NH RPCs have received a grant to purchase counting equipment for rail trails. NRPC Bike Ped Counts are going well in the region. NRPC did snowmobile counts last year and hopefully will do some again this year if it snows.
- c. Community Updates:**
 - i. Akinci gave an update about the Nashua Bike Program, which has had about 500 rides in the first two months. There are lots of requests to expand the area, so they are planning first to expand the area, and eventually add additional hubs. They are adding a hub at the YMCA. There is also interest for the equity program for discounted rates. For more information visit RideableNashua.com. They are also back in discussion with Rivier University, so they are hoping for a hub out there. Discussion with Nashua DPW about a potential hub at Lincoln Park too.
 - ii. Borowitz gave an update about the Gate City Bike Coop. It is a non-profit based in Nashua that fixes bikes and gives them to lower income folks for free. They are looking for a new location and hope to find something in downtown Nashua.

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm

Bike Walk Alliance of NH Police Department/Municipalities Presentation

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