

Consolidated Manchester / Derry-Salem [R8] Regional Coordination Council

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Southern NH Planning Commission/Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Scott Bogle – RPC	Teri Palmer – MTA
Beth Brow - CareGivers	Angelique Pandolph – Easterseals
Tim Diaz – MoW Rockingham County*	Susanne Peace – Future In Sight
Bev Donovan – Derry	Lisa Steadman – R5 Mobility Manager*
Ben Herbert – R8 Mobility Manager	Liliana Vornehm – SNHPC
Adam Hlasny – SNHPC	Tracey Whitehead – MTA/CART
Jack Hutchinson – Deerfield	James Wilkie – CareGivers
Amanda Koslowsky – NH Catholic Charities	John Wilson – Citizen Member
Elaine Michaud – Manchester Health Dept.	(Londonderry)
Nate Miller – SNHPC	

**attended virtually*

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Nate Miller called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

2. Action on May 19, 2026 Minutes

Motion by Angelique to approve May minutes, seconded by James. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Updates

FY 2026-27 Section 5310 Activities

Nate reported that SNHPC is receiving June invoices from providers but has not reviewed or processed them yet. The CART extended Derry service (Activity 3) was underbilled, leading to approximately \$20,000 that can be reallocated in FY27.

Mobility Management

Ben Herbert will be transitioning from the Mobility Manager role to that of a Regional Planner with SNHPC. The new MM will be Nick Alphonso, who currently works for NHDES in the Granite State Clean Cities Department. His first day will be July 27, 2026.

Ben said that the full FY26 ridership report has been published. He reviewed several figures, noting that 18,700 one-way trips were analyzed over 12 services. Angelique added that other regions are impressed by Ben's work. This interactive report has already received more views than those of the last two years.

SCC

Angelique announced that the SCC's annual meeting with the NH Transit Association was held on June 4, 2026. This meeting included presentations by Peter Butler (FTA) and Scott Bogren (Community Transportation Association of America). Sylvia von Aulock received an award for her years of dedicated service to transportation in the Greater Manchester

region. The SCC is currently on its summer recess. Going forward, they are considering the possibility of meeting quarterly instead of monthly.

4. FY 2028-29 Section 5310 Funding Discussion (cont. from May)

Nate said that for FY 2028-29, there is a projected annual 5310 funding cut from the FY 2026-27 RCC 8 allocation of \$581,100 to \$543,100. Federal transportation reauthorization is due in September. However, it is highly likely there will be a continuing resolution, which would confirm the \$543,100 for the foreseeable future. Providers' hourly rates will also be going up, leading to a scenario where the program of projects must be constrained, and even more so if a new project were to be added.

Tim asked if current projects represent acceptable regional priorities (i.e. geographic coverage). He added that if a new provider wishes to initiate a 5310 project, they should not have to wait in line indefinitely. John asked about criteria for admitting new projects. Nate said that it will be based on the RCC's priorities, adding that their ability to manage federal funding is a prerequisite for participation. Nate asked if geographic coverage or increased total ridership is more of an RCC priority.

Angelique said that to determine which agencies receive which cuts, perhaps the RCC should look at the number of rides that would be deleted under each scenario. Data on unmet needs was discussed, but it is not always available/reliable. Scott suggested soliciting a one-time infusion from community foundations to ease the transition into the lesser FTA funding amount.

Nate proposed a subcommittee to discuss options, particularly how to redeploy the \$20,000 annually that is no longer being used for the CART extended Derry service. **Motion by Angelique to appoint Tim, Angelique, Scott, Ben, and James to a subcommittee, seconded by Bev and carried unanimously.** Ben will coordinate the subcommittee. There may be a need to hold an off-cycle RCC meeting between July and September to discuss results.

5. Provider Corner - MTA

Tracey gave a presentation detailing MTA's service, including hours, geographical coverage, fares, charters, and more.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Next Meeting

The next RCC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 12:30.**

Motion by Scott to adjourn, seconded by Angelique. Meeting stood adjourned at 2:10 PM.