

Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT)

Working to expand affordable and efficient community transportation in southeastern New Hampshire

MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

9 – 10:30AM

McCONNELL CENTER, 16 LOCUST ST, DOVER, NH

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MINUTES

1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM

2) Welcome & Introductions

Members in-person: Rad Nichols (Chair, COAST), Colin Lentz (Strafford Regional Planning Commission), Martha English (Ready Rides), Alex Beauchner (Individual Member), Sharon Reynolds (Individual Member), Natalie Albee (Community Partners), Carolyn Doran (Ready Rides), Scott Bogle (Rockingham Planning Commission), Angelique Pandolph (Easterseals), Deb Ritcey (GSIL), Danielle Holt (CAPSC),

Members attending Remotely: Victoria Lee (GSIL) [remote due to staffing requirement], Susanne Peace (Future In Sight) [remote because of scheduling conflict]

Guests: Katie Phillips, Kara Rodenhizer, Allie Kelly, Candy Reed (remote)

Staff: Jeff Donald (COAST)

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes {VOTE}

Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Angelique.

Vote: unanimous via roll call.

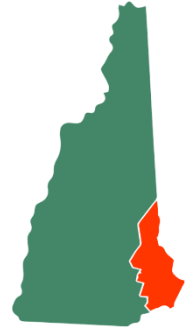
4) Election of Vice Chair {VOTE}

Jeff explained that Scott Bogle had been nominated to continue as Vice Chair. Sharon made a motion to accept Scott's nomination; seconded by Alex.

Vote: Unanimous in favor via roll call (Scott abstained)

5) Updates & Statistics

Jeff reviewed recent provider ridership and other data from TripLink. He noted the new trailing 12-month average charts, which smooth out monthly changes in ridership to show longer-term trends.



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Jeff noted that since we are in the middle of a 2-year, \$2,900 in unspent FTA 5310 MM funds will roll over into SFY27.

Other items were spent down or slightly under budget.

6) SFY27 Budget Revision {VOTE}

Jeff explained the proposed amendment of the POS portion of the budget. CAP had applied for 5310 funds for a second vehicle; the original budget incorporated flexibility in case CAP successfully got the new vehicle so the budget would have additional support for the new trips on the new vehicle. CAP was successful so the proposed amendment would shift a total of \$5,217 from MOWRC and Community Rides to support additional CAP trips in the new vehicle. Jeff explained that the proposed amendment had been discussed and approved by MOW and the ACT Executive Committee.

Sharon made a motion to approve the draft budget amendment (shifting \$5,217 to CAPSC); seconded by Angelique.

Vote: unanimous in favor via roll call.

7) Partner Update: Kara Anne Rodenhizer, Ph.D., Home for All

Kara described Home For All, how they're organized and their mission of supporting people struggling with homelessness and housing insecurity, and expanding affordable housing. Home for All Coordinates with over 100 individuals and organizations in Strafford, Rockingham, and York Counties. They advocate for housing equity and building public will around housing inequality. Kara said Home for All is currently working to incorporate design standards for housing projects to make them universally accessible regardless of physical disabilities.

Members discussed various challenges around housing and transportation.

8) RCC Border Realignment Discussion

Jeff explained that Fred Butler from NHDOT had distributed a proposal to realign current RCC boundaries with county boundaries. He outlined the reasoning behind the proposal. Deb explained that the memo from NHDOT had implied SCC leadership had endorsed the proposal, when in fact they had not. She said the SCC will be discussing the proposal at their September meeting.

Multiple RCC members noted significant challenges and disruption to current services and relationships that would arise from the proposed realignment. They discussed the best way to get comments and questions to the SCC.

9) Semi-Annual Report

Jeff reviewed the semi-annual report. He highlighted trips by mobility type and the surprising turnover in riders..

10) Outreach

Jeff noted that the common app website had been updated. He's been working with partners to train them on using the new website. He will be holding on site signups at St. Vincent de Paul in Exeter.

11) Miscellaneous

Jeff noted that he expects a transition to the new trip scheduling software in the next couple months.

12) Statewide Updates

No updates were discussed.

13) Member Round Robin

The Member Round Robin was skipped due to time.

14) Adjournment

Rad made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Scott.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:34am