

**Eliot Comprehensive Plan Committee**  
**Transportation Subcommittee Meeting**

October 4, 2023 10:00 am

Remote (Zoom)

**Agenda**

1. Call meeting to order, ascertain all Subcommittee members are present
2. Public comment (if any)
3. Review and approve meeting notes
  - a. December 12, 2022 – draft
  - b. June 16, 2023 – draft
4. Goals-Policies-Strategies (GPS)
  - a. Updates of 2009 Plan GPS
  - b. New GPS
5. Discuss updates to the Draft Inventory (if any)
6. Set date (if possible) for next meeting
  - a. Suggested next meeting – November or December
7. Adjourn

**Zoom information**

Link to join the meeting:

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Eliot Comprehensive Plan Committee

**Transportation Subcommittee Meeting**

December 12, 2022

1:00 PM

Location: Eliot Town Hall (1333 State Rd.)

**Agenda**

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Appointment of Chair (optional)
- 3) General public comment period (if any)
- 4) Discussion of issues and opportunities facing Eliot regarding transportation
- 5) Initial review of Inventory draft outline
- 6) Adjourn

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**Transportation Subcommittee Meeting**

June 16, 2023 10:00 am

Zoom Meeting

**Meeting notes (DRAFT)**

Present: Subcommittee members: Carmela Braun, Nedra Sahr, Jim Schliestett. Others: Christine Bennett.  
Staff: Jeff Brubaker, Town Planner; Dean Williams, SMPDC

1. Call meeting to order

2. Ascertain all Subcommittee members are present

All members are present.

3. Review and discuss Transportation Inventory Draft

- Discussed some technical corrections to the Inventory but overall the subcommittee was supportive of the Inventory draft so far.
- Need for accommodating parking for future elections at Town Hall, since the schools likely won't be able to host elections in the future
- Discussion of having public parking in the Village area for park-and-bike commuters to the Shipyard
- Public parking in the Village area to allow folks to use the sidewalks and go to destinations such as Maine Market, could include EV charging stations
- Idea to convert Eliot Elementary School to a community center and build a new Elementary School somewhere else
- Discussion of where EV charging stations could go, e.g. Eliot Commons Park-and-Ride
- Discussion of how to improve transit service in the future
  - Serving rural areas
  - COAST 100 route
  - YCCAC demand response service trips to Market Basket and Walmart – by reservation and wheelchair accessible
  - There are services available, how do we educate people about those services? AIP Committee working with Eliot Connects to develop resources
- Discussion of establishing land use policies that support multimodal transportation
- Need a robust group of volunteers to work with YCCAC to increase their services within Eliot

- Challenge is that YCCAC doesn't have enough drivers as it is. There is a volunteer from AIPC that will do some driving.
- Challenge is how do we do a better job of informing our citizens of areas where they can state their needs. No local newspaper, less coverage from Weekly Sentinel, etc.
- Other destinations might include: Kittery Foreside, Kittery Community Center, other places that have a downtown. We could help provide transportation to Kittery Community Center; they have vans.
  - The COAST 100 route could serve some of these destinations if in the future it is increased in frequency to serve other purposes besides Shipyard commuters
- Need to increase Active Transportation in the Village, especially looking at improvements, such as shoulders on SR 103/MG Farmer Rd./Main St. – Green Acre to State Rd. Curve is the most dangerous point.
  - We are looking into MG Farmer/Main with DOT, including the possibility of a feasibility study as recommended by the Bike-Ped Plan
  - Discussion of possible traffic calming measures and challenges with traffic calming on state-maintained roads; discussion of speed radar signs
  - Goodwin Rd. is another road that should be looked at for speeding, safety, etc.

#### 4. Discuss Policies – Strategy – Responsibility – Time Frame

- Discussed whether to keep the 2009 goals as is or update them. There is a need to update them based on the current state of transportation, e.g. more working from home, more online shopping delivery vehicles, etc.
- Discussed how to structure the hierarchy of goals, policies, strategies. In the 2009 plan the goals exist separately from the policies and strategies; the Subcommittee's initial thought is to order the policies and strategies under specific goals, but that this would be discussed further.
- Some strategies from the 2009 plan are outdated, and wording will need to be changed.
- Some strategies can "cross-pollinate" with other topic areas, such as replacing undersized culverts to improve stream habitat and flood control (Transportation + Water Resources, Environment Subcommittee)
- The subcommittee will collaborate this summer on a shared document in the shared folder to begin to update the goals, policies, and strategies.

#### 5. Set date (if possible) for next meeting

The Subcommittee agreed to meet again in September to review the draft goals, policies, and strategies we have collaborated on in the shared document

#### 6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.