

Natick Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Virtual Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026
7:00 PM

Members Present

- Ed Doherty, Chair
- Joanna Carey, Vice Chair
- Sarah Ward
- Gil Yaker
- Matt Page
- Abby Brown

Town Staff Present

- Morgan Griffiths, Transportation & Economic Development Planner
- Bill McDowell, Town Engineer

Members of the Public Present

- Liam and Salma, students from Natick High School

Public Speak

- Liam said he was attending the meeting as part of a school project.

Approval of Minutes

- The Committee voted on the minutes from its January 13th, 2026, meeting.
 - Ed Doherty, Joanna Carey, Gil Yaker, Sarah Ward, Abby Brown, and Matt Page voted to approve the minutes.
 - The minutes were approved.

DPW Updates

- Bill McDowell updated the Committee on recent activity at the Department of Public Works, including the Town's 2025 and 2026 roadway improvement plans, work on the Speen Street, Boden Lane, and Spring Street Bridges, installation of new rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), the removal of the Charles River Dam, and the Town's work on a new drainage master plan.
 - Joanna Carey asked if DPW would like folks to help with the master plan by providing feedback on where they see flooding around town.
 - Bill stated that he was not expecting a large public input process as part of the plan since DPW is relatively familiar with the problem areas in town, but stated that any input would be welcome.

Selection of Main Street Working Group Member

- Morgan Griffiths presented information on the formation of a working group to review the current hybrid design concept for the Main Street Improvement Project.
- Morgan Griffiths stated that there was a seat on the group reserved for a TAC member and asked members to decide who they would like to fill it.
- Members selected Ed Doherty to represent the TAC on the working group.
- Morgan Griffiths promised to provide updates on the process at future TAC meetings.

TAC Goals 2026

- The Committee continued its discussion of goals for the upcoming year.
- Matt Page suggested developing a bicycle and pedestrian plan as a priority goal.
- Abby Brown endorsed continuing to meet with the MWRTA to encourage a functional bus network.
- Joanna Carey noted that traffic calming and enforcement are intertwined with bicycle and pedestrian planning and that these two goals complement each other.
 - Morgan Griffiths mentioned that bicycle and pedestrian plans that he has read often include education and policy recommendations, in addition to those focused on infrastructure.
- Ed Doherty referenced street design guides in neighboring towns.
- Abby Brown raised concerns about the implementation of plans and asked how the committee could help with implementation.
- Sarah Ward asked for clarity regarding the TAC's role in supporting transportation projects in town.
- Ed Doherty and Abby Brown discussed the need for better education and publicity around existing transportation resources.
- Sarah Ward suggested organizing events to help people try new transportation modes.
 - Matt Page shared an example from Wellesley, in which the Town organized a contest to encourage folks to try out alternative transportation modes.
- Abby Brown proposed creating a resource guide for new residents to inform them of transportation options in town.
- Morgan Griffiths said he would synthesize this information to create a draft of goals for review and finalization at the next meeting.
- Ed Doherty would then present these goals to the Select Board in mid-March.

Other TAC Business

- Morgan Griffiths shared that MassCEC had completed its feasibility study for on-street EV charging locations in Natick and stated that the project team would be presenting on its findings at an upcoming Net Zero Committee meeting
- Morgan Griffiths also stated that the Net Zero Committee will soon be updating the Town's Net Zero Plan and is interested in speaking with the TAC about the plan's transportation section.

Adjournment