

Scarborough Transportation Committee

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Public Safety Building Training Room

<https://scarboroughmaine.zoom.us/j/88427400819>

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Attendance (6:30PM – 6:35PM)
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025 (6:35 PM – 6:40 PM)
3. Portland West (6:40 PM – 7:10 PM)
 - Joyce Taylor, PE - Maine DOT Deputy Commissioner will discuss their work associated with the planning effort to evaluate and improve the transportation system west of Portland, which includes the North Scarborough area of Town.
4. METRO Connect (7:10 PM – 7:30 PM)
 - Mike Tremblay, PE – Director of Transit Development with METRO will provide an update on the enhanced fixed route and Micro transit program that they are developing for Scarborough
5. Project Updates (7:30 PM – 7:45 PM)
 - a. Scottow Hill Road – Council Workshop February 4, 2026
 - b. Eastern Trail Close the Gap
 - c. East Grand Avenue
 - d. Complete Streets & Traffic Calming Guidance Manual
6. Public Comment (7:45 PM – 8:00 PM)
7. Adjourn (8:00 PM)

Next meeting – February 24, 2026

Upcoming meeting topics: Review of Community Survey Results, Metro Connect, East Grand Ave Complete Streets Design, Complete Streets and Traffic Calming Guidance Document, Townwide Transportation Assessment Implementation, Trails Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Tasks, Additional Traffic Impact Fee Areas

PORTLAND WEST Maine Department of Transportation Project

Below is an excerpt from the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) website (<https://www.maine.gov/dot/node/76357>):

Recognizing continued growth across the Portland West region, the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) will undertake a comprehensive and collaborative planning effort to evaluate and improve the area's transportation system. The Portland West Balanced Mobility Improvement Study will update and build upon previous analyses to develop a multimodal approach that enhances mobility and safety while supporting long-term local, regional, and statewide growth and land-use goals.

The study area primarily includes the communities of South Portland, Scarborough, Westbrook, and Gorham, with additional analysis conducted as needed for adjacent communities, including Portland, Buxton, Hollis, and Standish. This multifaceted study will examine existing traffic congestion and travel patterns; review prior research related to future travel demand, land-use expectations, and population growth; and evaluate the benefits and limitations of changes to existing roadway capacity. The study will also explore transportation demand management strategies, such as improved signal timing, carpooling options, expanded transit service, and enhanced walking and bicycling connections.

Meaningful collaboration with municipalities, regional partners, stakeholders, and the public will be essential to developing a balanced set of mobility and safety solutions that reflect the needs and character of the Portland West communities.

Frequently Asked Questions...

What is the Portland West Balanced Mobility Improvement Study?

The Portland West Balanced Mobility Improvement Study is a Maine Department of Transportation planning effort to evaluate current and future transportation needs in the Portland West region. The study will assess how people move through the area today and identify practical, balanced strategies to improve mobility, safety, and reliability for all users.

Why is MaineDOT conducting this study?

Communities in the Portland West region are experiencing continued growth in population, housing, and economic activity. This study will update previous analyses and help ensure the transportation system can safely and efficiently support that growth while aligning with local, regional, and statewide land-use and transportation goals.

Which communities are included in the study area?

The primary study area includes:

- South Portland
- Scarborough
- Westbrook
- Gorham

Additional analysis may be conducted for adjacent communities, including Portland, Buxton, Hollis, and Standish, where travel patterns or transportation impacts extend beyond municipal boundaries.

What transportation issues will the study examine?

The study will evaluate a range of transportation-related topics, including:

- Existing and projected traffic congestion
- Travel patterns and future demand
- Roadway safety and reliability
- The performance of key corridors and intersections
- Opportunities to improve travel choices beyond driving alone

Will the study look at widening roads or adding new roads?

The study will evaluate the benefits and limitations of changes to existing roadway capacity as one of many potential strategies. No specific projects or roadway expansions have been predetermined. Any recommendations will be considered alongside safety, environmental impacts, community context, cost, and long-term sustainability.

What does “balanced mobility” mean?

Balanced mobility means considering a wide range of transportation options and strategies rather than relying on a single solution. This may include roadway improvements, better traffic signal coordination, transit enhancements, carpooling and ridesharing options, and improved walking and bicycling connections, depending on what best meets community needs.

Will the study consider transit, walking, and bicycling?

Yes. The study will evaluate opportunities to improve transit service, active transportation options, and connections between modes, recognizing that a well-functioning transportation system supports many different ways of getting around.

How will local communities and the public be involved?

Public and stakeholder input will be a critical part of the study. MaineDOT will work closely with municipalities, regional partners, businesses, and residents to understand local needs, concerns, and priorities. Opportunities for public engagement will be shared as the study progresses.

Does this study commit MaineDOT to building specific projects?

No. This is a planning study. Its purpose is to identify and evaluate potential strategies and recommendations. Any future projects would be subject to additional planning, funding decisions, and public review.

What happens after the study is completed?

The study's findings will help guide future transportation planning and investment decisions in the Portland West region. Recommendations may inform local, regional, and state planning efforts and help communities prepare for future growth.

How can I stay informed?

Project updates, public meeting information, and study materials will be posted on this webpage as they become available.

Metro Partnership

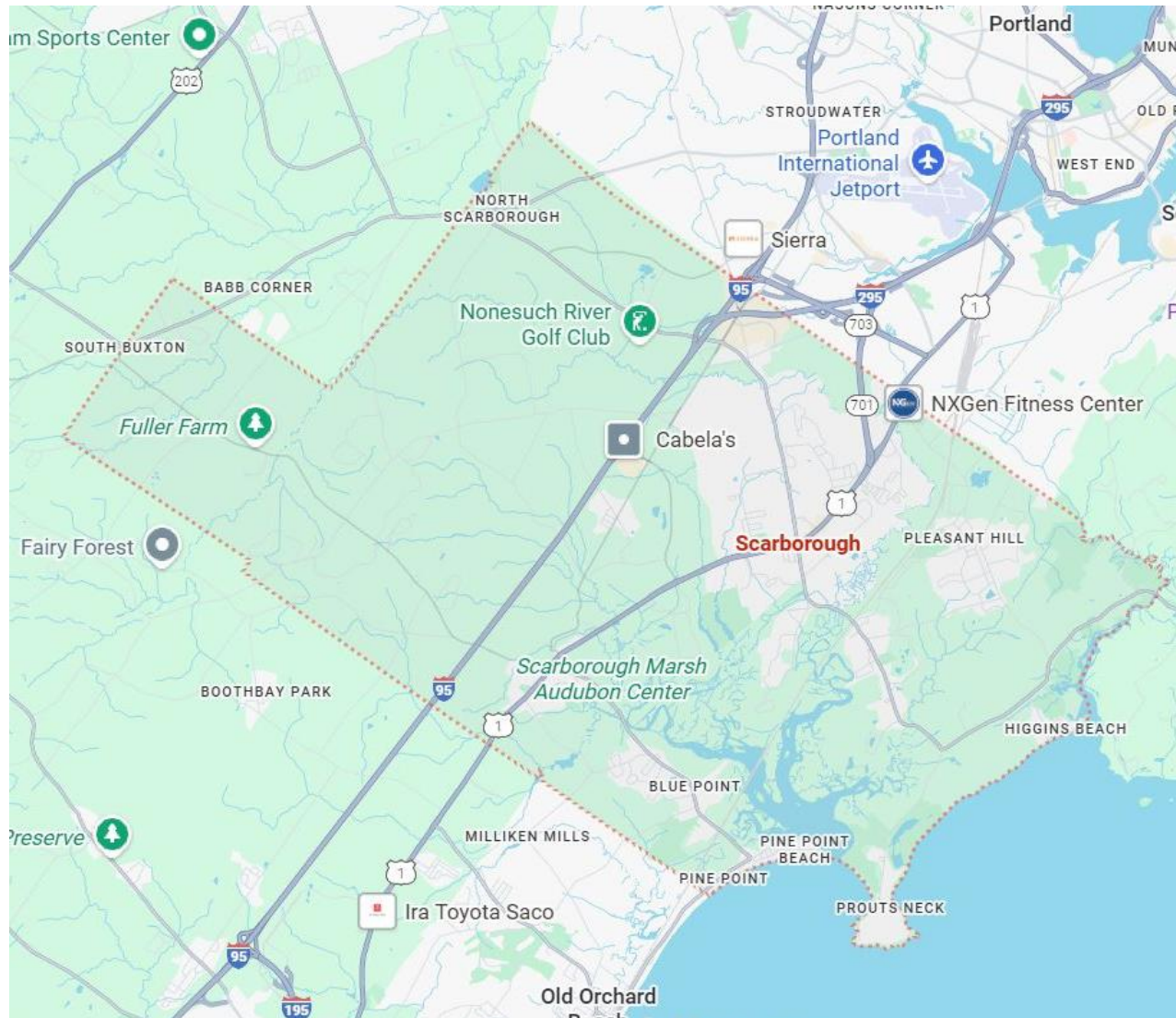
Timeline

- **Fall of 2024** - Age Friendly Scarborough Committee and Transportation Committee began discussions with town staff to find ways to expand transit service in Town.
- **February 2025** - Town Council set goals for the year including the following:
 - Explore public transit options with regional providers to enhance ridership and reduce congestion
- **March 2025** - Metro presented to the joint meeting held by Transportation Committee and the Age Friendly Scarborough Committee to review the work they have done in Falmouth
- **April 2025** - Council held workshop on Metro Connect – Micro Transit
- **Spring 2025** - During the FY2026 Budget process Council allocated up to \$65,000 in additional transit funds to help set up a pilot program in Scarborough. PACTS secured an additional \$1.3 million in FTA funds.
- **October 2025** – Maine Turnpike Authority allocated \$3.5 million to the Scarborough transit initiative over the next 5 years.
 - Assessment in 3 years to determine the sustainability of the program.



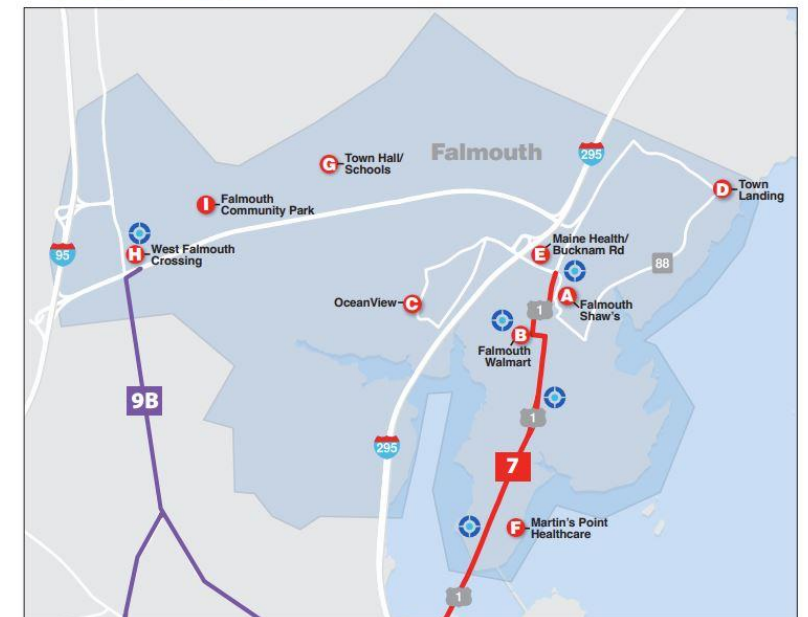
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- Nov 1, 2-4pm | in South Portland
- Nov 12, 6-7pm | Zoom (virtual)
- Nov 15, 2-4pm | in Scarborough



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Final Steps...Launch

- **Nov-Dec 2025** - Metro will collect info through surveys and public events
- **Jan-Feb 2026** - Metro will present to Scarborough Transportation Committee
- **Spring 2026** – Council Workshop to present final route and micro transit zone. Vote on any necessary agreements
- **Roll out new services**
 - Micro Transit: Spring 2026
 - Fixed Route Enhancements: Summer of 2026

