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NH Ten Year Transportation Plan

Every two years, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) hosts public hearings throughout the State to present information and receive input as part of the Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TYP) update process. The newest draft TYP, which can be viewed at www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ, contains information about the NH Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) anticipated transportation revenue for the period 2019-2028 as well as a listing of planned projects across the state. GACIT and NHDOT gather input from the hearings in order to inform any TYP recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. GACIT hearings scheduled in Southwest NH are as follows:

- September 20th; 12:30 p.m.; Keene Parks and Recreation, 312 Washington St., Room 14
- October 18th; 7:00 p.m.; Peterborough Town Hall, 1 Grove St.

For more information about the current draft TYP or about the GACIT hearings, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

City of Keene Awarded CDBG Funding

On August 23, 2017, the NH Executive Council approved a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) submitted on behalf of the City of Keene. The City has been selected for award of \$500,000 in CDBG funds for improvements to The Community Kitchen (TCK), a not-for-profit entity that operates its facility at 37 Mechanic Street in Keene. The improvements are needed so that TCK can continue to serve its mission of providing nutritious hot meals and take-home food boxes to low and moderate income adults and children in Cheshire County. For more information, please contact [Rebeckah Bullock](#) of Commission staff.

NHDOT Accepting Applications for Road Safety Audit Studies

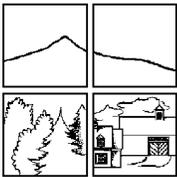
Does your community have a problem intersection or stretch of road with a history of serious injury or fatal crashes? The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is offering technical assistance from safety professionals to help evaluate dangerous roadway areas to assess potential solutions to improve safety. These evaluations, called Road Safety Audits (RSA), consider the benefit/cost ratio of improving a roadway, typically resulting in low cost, high impact projects. All public roads are eligible for the technical assistance. After a project goes through a RSA, NHDOT considers the project for federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, of which there is approximately \$9 million available statewide every year. The process for applying for the limited RSA study assistance involves completing an application and assembling crash, traffic volume and other data, which is then evaluated by NHDOT's HSIP Committee. The deadline for submitting RSA applications is December 1st. SWRPC can assist communities interested in applying by helping collect and analyze data, and encourages municipalities to start the application process early. For more information about the HSIP program, please visit www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/highwaydesign/hwysafetyimprovements or contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

Planning for Vitality: NH's Thriving Creative Communities

On Wednesday, September 6th Arts Alive! will host a session on Planning for Vitality: NH's Thriving Creative Communities at 12:30 p.m., at the Jaffrey Civic Center in Jaffrey, NH. A presentation will be given on a recent study looking at the arts and economic prosperity and ways communities across the US have leveraged their creative assets for community development. Following the presentation there will be a panel discussion featuring stories from successful community development projects across the state that have utilized arts & culture. Registration is \$10 which covers the cost of lunch. For more information or to register, please visit www.monadnockartsalive.org/creative-community-planning.

Climate and Health Adaptation Plan

The Climate and Health Adaptation Plan for the Monadnock Region is a response to increased concerns about how our changing weather and climate may negatively impact our public health system and place additional burdens on vulnerable populations. Natural hazards given the most attention have included hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and severe winter weather. To better understand these concerns, the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network, with help from Southwest Region Planning Commission, Antioch University, and the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services conducted an analysis of regional demographics and vulnerable population groups, identified and researched a variety of climate hazards and health topics, and identified short term interventions to address a priority health outcome. For more information about the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network Climate and Health Adaptation Plan, visit www.swrpc.org/chap or contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff.



2017 NHMA Law Lecture Series

The New Hampshire Municipal Association has announced the 2017 Municipal Law Lecture Series. The format for this year's event has changed to a day-long session with three lectures back-to-back on **Saturday September 23rd in Gorham and Saturday October 14th in Concord**. The topics include Procedural Basics for Planning and Zoning Boards, Wireless Facilities: Managing the Approval Process, and Water Quality, Water Protection, and Water Management.

The fee for this event is \$100, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required. To register on-line, visit www.nhmunicipal.org (under calendar of events). For questions, please call (800) 852-3358 ext. 3350.

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