



SWRPC

Commission Highlights

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2017 Field Work Season Completed

SWRPC was especially busy with seasonal data collection efforts related to transportation planning in 2017. These included studies through the traffic research program at 141 locations for the NH Department of Transportation as well as 28 additional counts via local requests and other program support. Other studies included 3 intersection turning movement counts, 4 rideshare studies, 12 bicycle or pedestrian counts, and 7 freight studies. During the season, SWRPC continued its efforts to map and assess culverts and streams in Greenville, New Ipswich, Roxbury, and Stoddard and is in the process of creating reports and other deliverables tied to these efforts. In addition, following a successful pilot project in the Town of Dublin, SWRPC is continuing its support of a statewide data collection effort aimed at understanding pavement condition and improvement planning. For more information, please contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff.

Hinsdale-Brattleboro Bridge Updates

The Hinsdale-Brattleboro Bridge Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met on December 18th to receive a number of updates from the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) on the status of Project #12210C, and to discuss various bridge design and planning matters. During the meeting, the PAC provided information regarding the design of ice protection features for the bridge piers and formed a subcommittee to study and provide feedback on the design modifications and use of the existing Connecticut River bridges. NHDOT and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) have announced a public hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hinsdale Town Hall. The hearing will provide the public another opportunity to learn about the project and will assist both states in determining a finding as to whether to move forward with the anticipated right of way purchases for the project. For more information, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

Complete Streets Implementation

MAST is pleased to announce that the City of Keene was recently awarded a complete streets project implementation grant that enhances accommodations for bicyclists on Main Street through a dedicated bike lane, shared lane markings, and spaces near Central Square which increased safety near traffic signals. MAST has confirmed its ability to offer a 2nd round of funding through a donation from the NH Charitable Foundation. Eligible communities include those with adopted complete streets policies and additional details will be provided in the near future. For more information, please contact Mari Brunner of Commission staff.

New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid

The NH Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NH HSEM) is encouraging communities to consider joining NH Public Works Mutual Aid. The NH Public Works Mutual Aid program is the first state-wide program of its kind in the U.S. The program provides a system where local public works departments can share resources during emergency situations. Annual membership is only \$25. For more information, please visit the UNH Technology Transfer Center website at www.t2.unh.edu/ma or contact your local NH HSEM field representative.

2017 National Brownfields Conference

From December 5-7, 2017 SWRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (BrAC) Chairman Dick Berry attended EPA's National Brownfields Conference in Pittsburg, PA. Mr. Berry, a longstanding member of the BrAC, specifically focused on training sessions that provided examples of brownfield success stories and the processes and resources used to revitalize brownfield properties throughout the U.S. For more information, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

Locally-Based Crowdfunding Platform Expands and Seeks Proposals

The Local Crowd (TLC) Monadnock, a crowdfunding platform serving the Monadnock Region, is expanding to include Alstead, Jaffrey and Peterborough. Entrepreneurs, businesses and organizations based in these towns, along with Chesterfield, Keene, Hinsdale, Swanzey and Winchester, are invited to submit project proposals to TLC Monadnock. Successful proposals will launch their campaigns this winter, based on their ability to positively impact local economies and communities. Unique to this particular crowdfunding platform is the no-cost hands-on technical assistance that accepted teams receive to help create and launch their campaigns. In addition, TLC Monadnock will award one proposal a free video, donated by 710 Main Films, to support their crowdfunding campaign. Studies show that crowdfunding campaigns with videos raise four times more funds than campaigns without videos. The request for proposals is available online at monadnocklocal.org/lift. All proposals are due before 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2018. For more information, visit monadnocklocal.org/tlclaunch or contact Monadnock Buy Local at 603-499-7950.



MAST 2018 Annual Meeting

The Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, 312 Marlboro Street in Keene. The event will include a meeting of the Steering Committee at 4:00 p.m. followed by a 5:00 p.m. program featuring guest presenters and information about projects and initiatives that MAST plans to undertake in 2018 to create a more sustainable transportation system in Southwest NH. Local officials and members of the public are encouraged to attend. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff or visit www.mastnh.org and www.facebook.com/MASTNH.

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