

SWRPC

Commission Highlights

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2018 Complete Streets Letter of Intent Due March 8th

The Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation invites interested municipalities to submit a letter of intent for the Monadnock Region Complete Streets Implementation Grant by Thursday, March 8th. Up to \$95,000 is available for projects that enhance safety and mobility for users of all ages, abilities, and modes of travel. To be eligible for this opportunity, applicants must be a municipality located in the SWRPC planning region and have an adopted Complete Streets policy in place at the time of application submittal. For more information about the grant, including instructions on how to submit a letter of intent, please visit www.mastnh.org/2018-complete-streets-grant or contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff.

Road Surface Management

SWRPC is currently seeking municipalities that are interested in technical assistance with regard to road surface management. The assistance involves implementing data collection and software tools to develop a ten-year pavement maintenance plan. SWRPC will collect data about existing road surface conditions and work with the town highway/public works department or road agent to explore different maintenance, rehabilitation or repair scenarios for individual roads. Letters of interest are currently being accepted for this service. For more information about road surface management technical assistance, including a sample pavement preservation plan, please contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff.

Tri-State Coordination

SWRPC staff has been a participant in meetings with Windham Regional Commission in Vermont and Franklin County Council of Governments in Massachusetts. During 2016, a study was conducted comparing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) documents from the three regions. Following the CEDS comparison study, the three partners continued meeting and identified other potential topics that would benefit from inter-regional coordination. One of those ideas is to review opportunities for improving transportation connections between the three regions. The agencies have formed a Tri-State Mobility Connections Committee that has been meeting to identify opportunities for collaboration, share information, and examine interregional commuting patterns. For more information, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

ReadyNH Website

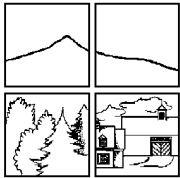
With the winter storm season in full swing, it's important to be prepared for winter storm events. The NH Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's ReadyNH website can help residents increase their preparedness for disasters. The website includes information on how to prepare for disasters, suggestions for emergency kits and family plans, and how to sign up for emergency alerts. It also contains resources that municipalities can use to help their residents become more prepared, such as template Public Service Announcements for TV or radio. For more information, please visit the website at www.readynh.gov or contact NH HSEM at (603) 271-2231.

Community Development Investment Program Tax Credit Training

On January 18th SWRPC staff attended the Community Development Investment Program Tax Credit Training hosted by the NH Community Development Finance Authority (NH CDFA) at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, NH. The training covered overviews of the NH CDFA Tax Credit and L5 Capacity Building programs, and the 2018 application process for both programs. One-on-one meetings were held after the event, to discuss specific project ideas with NH CDFA staff. For more information about the Tax Credit program, please contact Rebeckah Bullock of Commission staff.

Community Transportation in Southwest New Hampshire

On January 27th, SWRPC staff member J. B. Mack joined Ellen Avery from Community Volunteer Transportation Company, Susan Ashworth from Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services, Jim Duffy from the Population Health Division at Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and County County Commissioner Chuck Weed on WKBK's "Sound Off with Chris Coates" to discuss community transportation in Southwest New Hampshire. Community Transportation refers to the transportation services in a community, including public and private sources that are available to respond to mobility needs of community members including but not limited to seniors, persons with disabilities and persons with lower incomes. J. B. provided socioeconomic data about the transportation needs of vulnerable populations living in the area based on research conducted for the Monadnock Region Coordinating Council for Community Transportation's *Coordinated Community Transportation Plan*. For more information, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.



MAST Annual Meeting

On January 11th, the Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) held their 2018 Annual Meeting to jumpstart priorities and hear some exciting announcements. Guest speakers included Cary Gaunt, Director of Sustainability at Keene State College; Tiffany Mannion, Bicycle Mayor of Keene; and Phil Goff, New England Planning Director of Alta Planning + Design. Individuals throughout the Region interested in promoting transportation options are encouraged to contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff to learn more about MAST and opportunities to get involved. More information is available at www.mastnh.org and www.facebook.com/MASTNH.

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