

# SWRPC

## Commission Highlights

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### Final U.S. Census Bureau LUCA Webinar and Training

December 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register for the U.S. Census Bureau's Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program. Participation allows your community to be more accurately represented in the upcoming Census. Zoe Ritter, of the U.S. Census Bureau, will offer a final webinar and training workshop on **December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** to explain the program's importance for the 2020 Census, steps to participate, and how information can be updated. Municipal officials staff are encouraged to register and participate in the webinar. For registration details, visit <https://goo.gl/k2oZuE> or contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff. Additional information on LUCA is available at [www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/luca.html](http://www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/luca.html).

### Connecticut River Conservancy - River Access Opportunity

The Connecticut River Conservancy is seeking assistance in improving public access to the River. With the re-licensing of the Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon dams, there is an opportunity to influence how these dams affect the river through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) re-licensing process. Please take a survey that should take about 15 minutes and will aid in the collection of information to help make informed decisions. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRCrecreation>. There are also two upcoming public meetings that you can learn more about the dam re-licensing process and share your input. They are:

- **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Hinsdale Town Hall, 11 Main Street, Hinsdale, NH.
- **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Kilton Public Library, 80 Main Street, West Lebanon, NH.

For additional information, please contact Kathy Urffer, River Steward, Connecticut River Conservancy, (802) 258-0413 or email [kurffer@ctriver.org](mailto:kurffer@ctriver.org)

### Southwest Connects Corridor Meetings

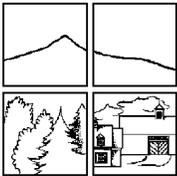
On November 6<sup>th</sup> the SWRPC Transportation Advisory Committee hosted the last of seven meetings covering the eight corridors featured in Southwest Connects: Southwest Region Transportation Plan with a meeting about the NH 101 East Corridor at the Peterborough Town Hall. The purpose of these corridor meetings has been to present information about opportunities and challenges that each Corridor faces and learn about emerging needs from elected officials and municipal staff. SWRPC continues to actively collect input on transportation needs for each Corridor. If you are interested in the information, presentations for each Corridor are posted on SWRPC's transportation webpage at <http://www.swrpc.org/trans>. The presentations feature data including demographic, housing, economic and travel trends information, information about infrastructure and safety, past projects, programmed projects, and anticipated future transportation infrastructure and service needs. For more information or to provide feedback, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

### Brownfields Assessment Funding

During November, SWRPC submitted an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for continuation of its Brownfields Assessment program. If awarded, the grant would focus on properties with known or suspected mixed hazardous substance contamination. SWRPC has an existing grant to assess petroleum contamination and actively seeking brownfields sites that fit this description. For more information about our recent grant proposal or the Brownfields program, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

## Public-Private Partnership “P3” Commission Soliciting Proposals

The NH P3 Oversight Commission was formed as a result of SB 549 from the 2016 legislative session. The P3 Commission is in the process of developing a framework for considering proposals for projects which combine public and private resources in an effort to effectively address the State’s transportation infrastructure needs. For years, P3 approaches have been successful in other countries including Australia and Canada and more recently in the U.S. in Florida, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and other states. By leveraging private investment including financing, specific – often large-scale – transportation projects may become more feasible and near-term. As part of its process, the P3 Commission has issued a call for [Letters of Interest](#) for transportation infrastructure project proposals. This “Call for Projects” is essentially a form which prompts basic information to serve as an overview description of project proposals. **Deadline for letters of interest is Friday January 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** Complete details at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/public-private-partnership/index.htm>.



## Save the Date: MAST Annual Meeting

The Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 11, 2018 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 Phil Goff of Alta Planning and Design and Tiffany Mannion, Bicycle Mayor of Keene. Attendees will also learn about projects and initiatives that MAST plans to undertake in 2018 to create a more sustainable transportation system in Southwest NH. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff or visit [www.mastnh.org](http://www.mastnh.org).

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