

SWRPC Fall Commission Meeting

The Southwest Region Planning Commission's Fall Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Delegation Hall at the Historic Cheshire County Courthouse located at 12 Court Street, Keene NH. Please join us for an informative panel discussion on the importance of the *U. S. Census Bureau 2020 Census* and related matters. Panelists will include: Brendan Drew, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau; Ken Gallager, Principal Planner, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives; and Henry Underwood, GIS Specialist/Planner, SWRPC staff. To register, please contact Rich Clough of SWRPC staff.

Federal Funding Workshop

Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster will host a *Federal Funding Workshop* in Keene on Wednesday, October 9th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Hannah Grimes Center located at 25 Roxbury Street, and will consist of a panel discussion, a Q&A session, and networking opportunities. Attendees will learn about a variety of federal funding opportunities, with attending agencies including the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, the NH Community Development Finance Authority, the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs, the Northern Border Regional Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For more information, contact Tom Giancola at tom.giancola@mail.house.gov or (603) 595-2006.

New Hampshire Ten Year Transportation Plan

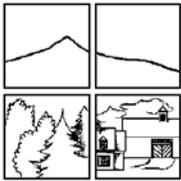
Every two years, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) hosts public hearings throughout the State to present information and receive input as part of the *Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan* (TYP) update process. GACIT and NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) gather input from the hearings in order to inform TYP recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. The newest draft TYP, which can be viewed at www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ, contains information about the NHDOT anticipated transportation revenues for the period 2021-2030 as well as a listing of priority projects across the state. A GACIT hearing is scheduled on October 15th, 6:00 p.m., in Room 14 of the Keene Parks and Recreation building located at 312 Washington St. Those that cannot attend the hearing are invited to share their thoughts through this survey: <https://NHDOTPlanningAhead2030.metroquest.com>. For more information about the current draft TYP or the GACIT hearings, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.

Roadway Maintenance Course for Administrators and Elected Officials

Your road network is one of, and most likely your community's most valuable public asset. For that reason, prioritizing repairs and responding to needs can be a complex task. SWRPC provides assessment and planning technical assistance to communities looking to answer some of these questions through a partnership with NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and the University of New Hampshire Technology Transfer Center (UNHT2). Coming up on October 17th in Antrim, UNHT2 will host *Road Maintenance 101 for Administrators and Elected Officials* for town officials interested in road maintenance practices and the resources available to make responsible funding decisions. Topics will include road design and construction, pavement management and road network approach, pavement aging and life cycle, treatment options and timing, budgeting, and maintenance strategies. For more information and registration details, visit <https://bit.ly/21KAcgn> or call 603-862-0030. For more information about technical assistance related to assessing road surface conditions and planning repairs, contact Henry Underwood of SWRPC staff.

Brownfields Program Update

On September 4th, the SWRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (BrAC) met to discuss a number of ongoing brownfields projects including the completion of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for a Winchester-owned gravel pit that was recently transferred to the Winchester Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to become a new business park. SWRPC's assessment work enabled WEDC to obtain a loan commitment from the NH Community Loan Fund to cover costs associated with design and engineering of required infrastructure and to attract tenants to the business park. A separate grant from the U. S. Economic Development Administration will fund the construction of road, water, sewer, and other infrastructure for the business park over the next several months. In addition, the BrAC reviewed and approved nominations for two new brownfields properties: Tom's Auto located at 122 and 124 Water Street in Keene and the former Greenfield Auto located at 792 Forest Road in Greenfield. SWRPC's environmental consultant also provided presentations on recently completed Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and Remedial Action Plan for the former A. C. Lawrence Tannery property in Winchester and a Phase II ESA for the former McGoldrick Paper Company site in Hinsdale. SWRPC is among several partners assisting the Town of Winchester to site a solar power installation at the former A. C. Lawrence Tannery. For more information, contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.



NH Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Update

On September 17th, NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and SWRPC hosted a public meeting and outreach event in Keene as part of an ongoing effort to improve and expand walking and biking in New Hampshire through an update to the *Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan*. During the event, participants identified safety issues, prioritized resources for improvements and shared goals related to walking and biking. For more information about the project, visit <https://nhpedbikeplan.com>.

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