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## Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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**RE:** SNHPC Information and Activities

SNHPC has a number of activities your community may be interested in. Details can be found on our website, [www.snhpc.org](http://www.snhpc.org). We write to bring to your attention the following.

- **Draft 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan:** At the September 26, 2017 MPO meeting, Nate Miller, SNHPC Deputy Executive Director, gave an overview of the Ten-Year Plan (TYP). In the SNHPC region, five of the top nine regional project priorities were included in the draft TYP. While SNHPC is pleased the draft TYP reflects the region's project priorities, staff had been optimistic that SNHPC Priority #2 (Corridor Study of New Boston Rd. and NH Route 114 in Bedford/Goffstown) and SNHPC Priority #5 (Phase III of the South Manchester Rail Trail from Perimeter Rd. to the Londonderry Town Line) would also be funded. Unfortunately, following inflation adjustments and incorporation of NHDOT's indirect costs, these projects were not funded due to fiscal constraints. For details, contact Nate at [nmiller@snhpc.org](mailto:nmiller@snhpc.org).
- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Solicitation:** Also at the September MPO meeting, Mr. Miller reviewed the upcoming CMAQ Program Solicitation. Following the 7/7/17 deadline for letters of interest, NHDOT proposed a series of substantive changes to the CMAQ project evaluation and selection process to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT). The proposed changes would effectively eliminate explicit local and regional input in the CMAQ project evaluation and selection process. As a result, NHDOT would unilaterally evaluate and develop prioritization recommendations for all CMAQ projects in the state. On 8/2/17, NH's nine RPCs submitted a joint letter to NHDOT Commissioner Victoria Sheehan and GACIT members expressing concerns about the proposed changes. For more information, contact Nate at [nmiller@snhpc.org](mailto:nmiller@snhpc.org).
- **SNHPC Energy Consortium Update:** During the September Commission meeting, Matt Rounds of Standard Power spoke about the consortium's history and future, and how municipalities can join the money-saving SNHPC consortium. The Consortium (includes Frankestown, Weare, Goffstown, Deerfield, Auburn, Chester, Derry, and Windham), took advantage of abnormal price factors and a limited seasonal purchasing window to capture the lowest possible rate by setting a strike price. The strike price was hit in September, resulting in a \$333,566 (27.3%) annual savings compared to the utility. For details, contact Sylvia at [svonaulock@snhpc.org](mailto:svonaulock@snhpc.org).
- **SNHPC Membership Dues:** The Commissioners accepted the recommendation of the Budget Committee and approved the membership dues rate of \$0.665 per capita for FY 2019. Call Sylvia at 669-4664 for more information.

The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester and the towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Frankestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Weare and Windham. The region encompasses portions of Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham counties. Executive Order Number Fifteen, issued by former Governor Walter Peterson, delineated the SNHPC region. SNHPC promotes coordination between planning boards and local officials; intergovernmental cooperation; and coordinated development of the region.