



## 2021 Town of Derry Report by Southern NH Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) provides a wide range of services and resources to help member communities with a variety of land use planning and transportation challenges. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission's skilled staff designs and carries out programs of regional significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations. The Commission also works with Community staff, land use board volunteers, and governing boards on a variety of local projects.

Often, community stakeholders request assistance from SNHPC for traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle counts, grant assistance, specific studies, mapping, and facilitation services. Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner as SNHPC carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulations; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers annual land use training workshops.

In 2021, the Commission provided the Town of Derry with assistance on a number of local planning efforts including:

- Assisting in securing full funding for the Rail Trail project through the Transportation Alternatives Program solicitation (\$660,000)
- Working with the Town's Parking Committee and Economic Development Director, completed parking studies on two town parking lots
- Conducting traffic counts and providing pedestrian counts
- Submitting Brownfields FY22 application
- Providing staff support for the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway
- Coordinating input from the Derry Rail Trail Alliance in completing the 2021 Regional Trails Plan
- Presenting to the Chamber of Commerce on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

The following table details services performed for the Town of Derry during the past year and includes both hours worked specifically for the Town and for projects involving multiple municipalities. In the latter case, the total hours spent by SNHPC staff are divided equally by the number of communities, resulting in time allotment attributed to each community. Examples of regional projects are the development of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and a regional Congestion Management Plan update.

Hours	Description
130.5	Conducted traffic counts at 28 sites in town, including Fordway Ave south of Kendall Pond Rd which reported approximately 3,000 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT).
54	Completed parking studies for the Abbott Court Lot and Wall Street Lot in coordination with Town's Economic Development Director and the Town's Parking Committee.
41	Worked with Derry stakeholders to submit a FY22 US EPA Brownfields Assessment for \$600,000 to assess potential brownfield sites in the Town of Derry. The grant proposes to utilize the grant funds to conduct Environmental Site Assessments for brownfield sites

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	and provide a reuse and clean-up plan for future development.
33.5	Coordinated outreach with the Derry Rail Trail Alliance for the development of the 2021 Regional Trails Plan, which was adopted by the SNHPC in July 2021.
33	Participated in state and regional transportation councils to better coordinate transportation options locally, regionally, and statewide. Tasks included scoping and developing budgets for transit-related projects and coordinating with stakeholders to develop a regional Mobility Manager position. Anticipated to be filled in 2022, this position will help ensure Greater Manchester residents get accurate information and are able to book convenient demand-responsive transportation options.
32	Assisted the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway Council with various activities including updating the Point of Interest (POI) story map, participating in regular meetings, drafting meeting agendas and reserving meeting venues, reviewing potential grant opportunities, downloading/analyzing website analytics data, updating maps for the Corridor Management Plan update and analyzing crash data on the byway.
29	Provided oversight and administration for FTA 5310 transportation service. This federal funding stream is locally matched, and supports CART and other community transportation projects that benefit Derry.
27	Reviewed Derry's existing components for the regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture for a required update. Verified architecture for compliance for federal funding (ongoing).
21.5	Developed a framework for a regional freight bottleneck analysis along NHDOT priority routes with associated strategies and compiled a Freight Bottlenecks Report.
18.5	Completed necessary reviews of Derry's portfolio of planned and funded projects for the federal and state required Transportation Improvement Plan. Process included presentations and reviews by staff and the TAC and MPO Policy Committees. Provided ongoing updates and revisions to maintain project status funding and scheduling.
16	Hosted CommuteSmart NH challenge to encourage multi-modal trips (transit, carpooling, bicycle, etc.) to help residents save money, reduce wear and tear on their vehicle, help relieve congested roads, and live a healthier, less stressful lifestyle.
13.5	Updated the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and regional Travel Demand Model. The regional Travel Demand Model is used to understand existing and projected future year (2045) trips by private automobiles throughout the region for transportation project planning.
13	Assisted the Town of Derry in securing full funding for the expansion of the Derry Rail Trail from Madden Road to the Londonderry Town Line, through the Transportation Alternatives Program solicitation (\$660,000). Provided assistance on Letter of Intent, mapping and development of TAP application.
10.5	Conducted pedestrian/ bicyclist count at Derry Rail Trail at Hood Park.
8	Began working on a Regional Housing Needs Assessment in collaboration with other

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	Regional Planning Commissions (ongoing through 2022).
8	Hosted a free virtual workshop: “How-to-Do an ADU” with support from AARP. The workshop addressed zoning allowances, design/ construction challenges, local examples, tips for becoming a landlord and a review of recent legislation introduced to address aging in place and housing shortages.
7	Participated in CART Advisory Committee meetings and assisted with outreach to increase awareness and ridership.
6	Coordinated a comprehensive update to SNHPC’s Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). In partnership with NHDOT, solicited, evaluated, and prioritized project proposals for the TIP update.
6	Developed a regional Rail Trail Passport program in celebration of Bike to Work Month. Worked with community representatives to provide outreach and education on local trails throughout the region.
5	Provided an overview presentation about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to the Greater Derry-Londonderry Chamber of Commerce.
4	Performed Derry town council districts 2020 Census results analysis.
3.5	Road Safety Audit -Reviewed plans and past efforts and responded to inquiry for roundabout RSA potential.

Derry’s Representatives to the Commission

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