



2021 Francestown 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 Francestown with assistance on a number of local planning efforts including:

- Conducting traffic counts
- Updating the regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) architecture
- Updating the Transportation Improvement Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The following table details services performed for the Town of Francestown 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
83.5	Conducted traffic counts at 18 sites in town, including the 2nd NH Turnpike and Sugar Hill Rd North at Hopkinton town line.
27	Reviewed Francestown's existing components for the regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture for a required update. Verified architecture for compliance for federal funding (ongoing).

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21	Developed a framework for a regional freight bottleneck analysis along NHDOT priority routes with associated strategies and compiled a Freight Bottlenecks Report.
19	Completed necessary reviews of Francestown'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.
8	Began working on a Regional Housing Needs Assessment in collaboration with other 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.
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.
2	Performed serious injury and fatal crashes data analysis to assist towns in transportation project prioritization.

Town of Francestown Representatives to the Commission

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