



2021 City of Manchester Report by Southern NH Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has a wide range of services and resources available to help member communities with a variety of land use planning and transportation challenges and concerns. 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, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively to a specific community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Mayor, City Departments, Land Use Boards, and/or Board of Aldermen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers annual training workshops for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.

In the past year, some of the highlighted projects the Commission assisted Manchester with included:

- Providing assistance in developing the City of Manchester's RAISE grant application, which was ultimately awarded \$25 Million in federal funding.
- Conducting traffic counts and providing pedestrian counts.
- Providing regional facilitation of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and assisting the City of Manchester with securing a TAP funding grant of \$1 Million for the Canal Street road-diet project proposal.
- Providing assistance in crafting the Build Back Better (BBB) Grant application, which was awarded \$500k in federal funding and provides an exclusive opportunity for Manchester to potentially be awarded Phase II funding of up to \$100 Million.
- Assisting with the facilitation of the Mayor's Office "Park(ing) Day" event with the Queen City Bike Collective.

The following outlined table details services performed for the City of Manchester during the past year and includes both hours worked specifically for the City 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 of the communities. Examples of a regional project 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
748	Conducted traffic counts at 159 sites in the City, including fulfilling a special turning movement and speed data request from Manchester DPW utilizing SNHPC's existing Miovision traffic counting camera.
213	Conducted 21 pedestrian/ bicyclist counts in Manchester, including counts at Dorrs Pond, Hanover Street near Elm, Elm and Bridge, Granite and Commercial intersections, and on the Piscataquog Rail Trail near S. Main St.
100	Collaborated with City of Manchester staff, elected officials and NHDOT on a variety of topics, including potential rail facility locations, Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture, E-scooters and the development of an application for discretionary Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding.
95	Provided assistance to Manchester Transit Authority (MTA), including the Short-Range Transit Plan, participation in MTA Commission meetings, review of Public Transit Agency Safety targets, funding structures, community outreach efforts to improve ridership, Value Capture information, coordination of public-private partnership interests, and grant development assistance.
98	Performed a local survey of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) preferences including outreach to Millyard employers and reporting of survey findings, selection of a regional demand management Trip Logging Software, assisting with the Bike to Work month challenge with supporting media, and trip data analysis.

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96	Provided assistance on bicycle/pedestrian projects including the development of a regional Rail Trail Passport program for National Bike Month, and scooter share launch. Assisted Manchester Moves in scoping rail trail improvement work, including a proposed art installation. Assisted the Mayor's Office and Queen City Bike Collective with facilitating the 2021 Park(ing) Day event.
56	Provided technical assistance to the Manchester Department of Public Works and their consultant, Fuss & O'Neill, to develop and submit a successfully awarded \$25 million RAISE grant application.
48	Facilitated monthly meetings of Manchester Connects (a Millyard working group) meetings with City staff, including assistance with preparing an AARP Community Challenge grant application.
46	Assisted the Manchester Department of Public Works with a Road Safety Audit application and field work to explore safety improvements to the intersection of Cilley Road and Jewett Street. The audit resulted in recommendations for intersection safety improvements.
45	Coordinated the development of the 2021 Regional Trails Plan, which was adopted by the SNHPC in July 2021.
41	Collaborated with Manchester stakeholders to submit a FY 2022 U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment for \$600,000 to assess two potential brownfield sites in the City of Manchester. The grant application includes funds to provide a reuse and clean-up plan for future developments within the TOD Plan and RAISE grant project area.
39	Provided data via Geographic Information Systems (GIS) information to the City. Data included bicycle/pedestrian crash mapping, ADA compliant trails, vehicular crash data, and top visited trails and demographic information.
35	Worked with NHDES Geological Survey to conduct assessments of existing city culverts and small bridges to determine overall condition and storm capacity.
32	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.
24	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. As part of this process, the SNHPC utilized on-call engineering consultants to assist the City of Manchester in scoping proposed improvements at the I-93 Exit 8 interchange and at the intersection of Hooksett Road/Campbell Street.
22	Developed a framework for a regional freight bottleneck analysis along priority routes with associated strategies and compiled a draft regional Freight Bottlenecks Report.
20	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.
13	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.
12.75	Provided regional facilitation of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and assisted the City of Manchester with securing a TAP funding grant of \$1 Million for the Canal Street road-diet project proposal.
8	Initiated a Region-wide Housing Needs Assessment in collaboration with state of NH (ongoing through 2022).



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