



## 2021 Town of New Boston 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 New Boston with assistance on a number of local planning efforts including:

- Conducting traffic counts and providing pedestrian counts
- Providing assistance to the General John Stark Scenic Byway Council
- Performing stream crossing assessments
- Retrieving various zoning and land use maps for New Boston planning department

The following table details services performed for the Town of New Boston 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
105.5	Conducted traffic counts at 23 locations in town, including Bedford Rd. south of Christy Rd which reported approximately 4,000 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT).
61	Provided assistance and coordination to the General John Stark Scenic Byway Council, comprised of community volunteers. This includes participating in regular meetings, finalizing and distributing meeting agendas, outreach, member engagement, creating and improving story maps highlighting points of interest and updating the Corridor Management Plan.
36.5	Worked with NHDES Geological Survey to conduct assessments of existing town culverts and small bridges to determine overall condition and storm capacity.

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33.5	Coordinated outreach with the New Boston Rail Trail Committee 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.
29	Provided oversight and administration for FTA 5310 transportation service. This federal funding stream is locally matched, and supports the New Boston demand response transportation service and other community transportation projects that benefit New Boston.
24.5	Assisted in facilitating the NH Dept. of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding round #4. TAP facilitation included application review and formation of an ad-hoc scoring committee meetings.
21	Developed a framework for a regional freight bottleneck analysis along NHDOT priority routes with associated strategies and compiled a Freight Bottlenecks Report.
20.5	Conducted pedestrian/ bicyclist counts on New Boston Conservation Land (behind library) and on the New Boston Rail Trail at Lang Station.
18.5	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.
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	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	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.
1	Retrieved various zoning & land use maps for New Boston planning department.
.5	Ordered and delivered New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books.

Town of New Boston Representatives to the Commission

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