



## 2022 Franconia 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; and keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulations.

In 2022, the Commission provided the Town of Franconia with assistance on a number of local planning efforts including:

- Conducting traffic counts,
- Updating the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, and
- Updating the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

The following table details services performed for the Town of Franconia during the past year and includes both hours worked specifically for the Town and for regional 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 the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

Hours	Description
80	Continued to update the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in collaboration with other Regional Planning Commissions. Provided multiple outreach opportunities including surveys, virtual community conversations, and social media options. Conducted data analysis and research on various elements that impact housing. Developed a draft report scheduled to be released in early 2023. Hosted a virtual technical session on New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority's Housing Opportunity Planning Grant application.

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31.5	Coordinated an update of the FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan which highlights transportation system improvements for the region. The process included guidance to communities, review of projects, and presentations to the TAC and MPO Policy Committees. Provided ongoing updates and revisions to maintain project funding and scheduling.
29	Conducted traffic counts at 6 locations in the town, including 2nd NH Turnpike south of Stevens Rd which reported approximately 1,230 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT).
20	Worked with Francestown's building department to obtain building permit data on new housing units and commercial developments in order to determine roadway network and travel pattern changes for input in the SNHPC regional travel demand model.
19	Developed a methodology for determining equity analysis areas within the region. Began investigating possible transportation related disparate impacts and adverse effects on Title VI/Environmental Justice classes and other vulnerable groups.
19	Reviewed the Town of Francestown's existing components for the regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture for a required update. Verified architecture for compliance for federal funding.
17.5	Conducted feasibility analysis of potential sites for public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for inclusion in a regional charging plan. Viable sites for DC Fast Charging and Level 2 charging were identified by analyzing traffic volumes and various site features and amenities including availability of Phase 3 power required at potential sites along state routes.
13	Facilitated a "Pathways to Play" project to assess access to recreational facilities in each of the 14 communities in the SNHPC region with a goal of reducing childhood obesity. Mapped recreation facilities, conducted a region-wide survey, and continued to engage community stakeholders.
11	Participated in the efforts of the Alliance for Healthy Aging (AHA) Transportation Committee to provide Age-Friendly Community Assistance. Worked with multiple agencies and stakeholders across the state to ensure a coordinated effort to improve transportation awareness and options for older and disabled adults, immigrants, veterans, minority, low-income, and other vulnerable populations. Worked toward a statewide transportation needs assessment (ongoing). Assisted with a statewide volunteer driver recruitment initiative that culminated with a website and multi-media outreach campaign. For more information: <a href="https://nhaha.info/volunteer-driver-initiative/">https://nhaha.info/volunteer-driver-initiative/</a>
7	Represented RPCs on the State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC) to better coordinate transportation options throughout New Hampshire; participated in monthly meetings, provided insight regarding

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	volunteer driver program initiatives and transportation needs for older adults, and contributed to a statewide proposal to assess the transportation needs of older adults.
4	Began updating the region's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (ongoing project).
2	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.
1	Coordinated with Rockingham Planning Commission, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and Nashua Regional Planning Commission on a joint Safe Streets for All grant application to identify potential transportation safety improvements in the region.
.5	Completed a 2020 Census data update for the Francestown administrator.

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