



## 2022 City of Manchester 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 the past year, some of the highlighted projects the Commission assisted Manchester with included:

- Providing assistance in developing the City of Manchester's Build Back Better grant application, which was ultimately awarded \$44 Million in funding,
- Developing the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission US EPA Brownfield Assessment grant application which was awarded \$500K in federal funding,
- Assisting with scoping a proposed CMAQ project on Mammoth Road,
- Providing technical assistance on the development of a FHWA Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant application, and
- Providing Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review of potential regional impacts for two residential subdivisions in neighboring communities.

The following table details services performed for the Town of Manchester 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
552	Conducted traffic counts at 113 locations in the city, including Goffstown Rd east of Straw Rd which reported approximately 9,470 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT).
293	Performed 17 pedestrian and cyclist counts in the city, including a three-week corridor study on Manchester's Rail Trails for Manchester Moves.
193	Hired a regional Mobility Manager, a new position working to better understand transportation needs and coordinate transportation services in the region. Work focused on assisting homebound individuals to utilize existing transportation services for medical appointments and essential errands, identifying needs and barriers to transportation, understanding needs of community transportation and human service providers, and improving coordination between different services to meet the needs of all individuals.
171	Provided data, research, coordination and grant writing assistance to the City for the Build Back Better Regional Challenge, resulting in the award of a \$44 million grant for a BioFabrication Cluster. This project will establish Southern New Hampshire as the global epicenter for the production and distribution of regenerative tissues and organs.

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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.
79	Provided technical assistance on bicycle and pedestrian projects including coordinating Winter Bike to Work Day events with the Queen City Bike Collective, Manchester Moves and the Manchester Transit Authority. Other initiatives included PARK(ing) Day, a community bike parking project, and art and lighting installations.
55	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.
34	Participated on Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RCC) to better coordinate public and human service transportation options locally and regionally. Tasks included scoping and developing budgets for transit-related projects, serving as lead agency for FTA 5310 funds for combined Manchester-Derry-Salem region, and coordinating with stakeholders to finalize and implement a regional Mobility Manager position. Additionally, staff oversaw a comprehensive update of the 2016 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation plan by updating figures, garnering RCC and RPC input, and collating into a finished document which was approved in September.
31	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.
30	Developed the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission US EPA Brownfield Assessment grant application which was awarded \$500K in federal funding. Assessment activities will prioritize sites located in the City of Manchester and the Town of Derry. Assessed sites under the SNHPC Brownfields Program will provide new opportunities for clean-up and economic development.
30	Assisted the Manchester Environmental Justice Advisory Committee with complete street projects and transportation equity priorities.
25	Provided technical assistance to Manchester Transit Authority including outreach, CART advisory committee, mapping and updating the Short Range Transit Plan.
20	Worked with Manchester'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 City of Manchester's existing components for the regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture for a required update. Verified architecture for compliance for federal funding.
18	Reviewed a proposed major residential subdivision through the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review process, providing written comments for our communities, and attended the Litchfield Planning Board meeting to present and the concerns of regional impacts to Manchester and Londonderry.
18	Performed regional freight planning, facilitated freight stakeholder meeting, truck routes congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
17	Provided assistance to the City of Manchester with scoping a proposed CMAQ project on Mammoth Road.
15	Provided technical assistance to the City of Manchester on the development of a FHWA Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant application.
14	Participated in Manchester Connects meetings including the production of meeting materials.
14	Assisted Manchester Department of Public Works with the Valley Street Complete Streets project including scoping, reviewing preliminary engineering reports and concept alternatives.
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.

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13	Assisted the City of Manchester with consultant interviews for the RAISE grant and provided traffic counting data for meetings. Coordinated with the City of Manchester and NHDOT on TIP revision to FY 2022 RAISE Grant PE funding.
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 volunteer driver program initiatives and transportation needs for older adults, and contributed to a statewide proposal to assess the transportation needs of older adults.
5.5	Review of NHDOT report and draft comments for Manchester Road Safety Audit for the Cilley Rd. and Jewett St. intersection.
5	Completed a complete updated long-range plan for transit services available in the city, a prerequisite for eligibility for formula transit operating and capital funds. This also allows transit providers to plan and apply for competitive discretionary funds for expanded transit services for residents.
4	Continued providing technical assistance to the City of Manchester regarding potential Reconnecting Communities Grant.
4	Developed a regional Rail Trail Passport program in celebration of Bike to Work Month, in which one participant won an e-bike donated by a local bike shop. Worked with community representatives to provide outreach and education on local trails throughout the region.
4	Began updating the region's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (ongoing project).
3	Provided Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review of potential regional impacts for the Torrington Properties residential development of over 300 apartments in the Wellington Hill area, specifically traffic, transportation, and storm water environmental impacts to adjacent municipalities.
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.



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