



Town of Bedford

Review of Recent Planning Services

By Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has provided the Town of Bedford with a wide range of services and resources to help the town address its planning and transportation needs.

The SNHPC appreciates partnering on various projects with town staff and town volunteers from various boards and committees. We also appreciate the dedication of Town Commissioners including Bill Jean, presently Bedford's Executive Committee Member, Danielle Evansic, Bryan Lord, and Dan Heath.

Despite nationwide inflation and cost increases across the vast spectrum of goods and services, the SNHPC has kept its municipal membership dues rate flat at \$0.676 per capita for the past four years by leveraging federal and other funding sources to benefit our member communities.

Highlights of the SNHPC's recent services to the Town of Bedford included:

- Conducting traffic counts at 36 locations in the Town of Bedford.
- Conducting a pedestrian count on the Bedford Heritage Trail north of Moores Crossing Road.
- Completing the first phase of a townwide buildout analysis to gauge the potential for residential development as part of a larger InvestNH Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant funded project.
- Conducting an air quality analysis in support of the Town of Bedford's Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding application to construct 3,800 LF of sidewalk on Old Bedford Road. The project was successfully funded for \$790,980 in the Draft FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Assisting the Town of Bedford with securing \$457,639 in funding for an update of the NH Route 101 Corridor Study as part of NHDOT's FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitating freight stakeholder meeting, truck route congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- Updating the SNHPC Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.
- Providing mobility management services to connect Town residents to free and affordable transportation options, with a particular focus on supporting members of traditionally underserved communities such as older adults, low-income residents, people with disabilities, and people of color.
- Working with Town staff and stakeholders to complete a grant-funded "Pathways to Play" project to enhance recreation access in SNHPC communities, fielding a regional survey to assess recreation needs and opportunities, and developing an interactive map of recreation facilities.
- Completing a comprehensive update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to analyze historical trends, project future needs, and identify strategies to meet the region's housing needs.
- Launching implementation of a \$500K U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment grant, which will assess sites to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.

Town of Bedford Representatives to the Commission

Bill Jean (Exec. Comm. Member), Danielle Evansic (Alt), Bryan Lord (Alt), Daniel Heath (Alt)