

Town of Derry

Review of Recent Planning Services

by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



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

The SNHPC staff is grateful to town staff and volunteer Board and Committee members for their assistance in collaborating on many projects and programs. The SNHPC staff also appreciates the dedication of the Town's Commissioners: Jeff Moulton (Executive Committee member), John O'Connor and Richard Tripp.

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 Derry included:

- Coordinating with the Town of Derry and NHDOT to ensure adequate federal funding is programmed in the FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan to support the completion of the I-93 Exit 4A project.
- Conducting traffic counts at 27 locations within the Town of Derry, including two town-requested traffic counts to monitor townwide traffic volume patterns and changes.
- Conducting two bike/pedestrian counts in Derry and coordinating with the Derry Rail Trail Alliance on the installation of a year-long bike/ pedestrian count station along the Bowers Road section of the Derry Rail Trail to monitor trail usage in 2024.
- Providing staff support for the Robert Frost / Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway, including assistance with an update of the Byway Corridor Management Plan, to encourage tourism in the Town of Derry.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitating freight stakeholder meeting, truck route congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- 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.
- 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 under the SNHPC Brownfields Program to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors.
- Working with town staff and stakeholders to complete a grant-funded "Pathways to Play" project to enhance recreation access in SNHPC communities, including fielding a regional survey to assess recreation needs and opportunities, and developing an interactive map of recreation facilities.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.
- Updating the SNHPC Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.

Town of Derry Representatives to the Commission

Jeffrey Moulton (Executive Committee member), John O'Connor, Richard Tripp