

City of Manchester
Review of Recent Planning Services
by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



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

The SNHPC staff is grateful to City staff from various departments including Public Works, Planning and Community Development, Economic Development, and Parks and Recreation for their collaboration on a variety of projects and programs. The SNHPC also thanks the many community leaders representing organizations such as the Planning Board, Housing Commission, Manchester Transit Authority, Manchester Connects, NextGen Manchester Resiliency Council, Manchester Airport, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Manchester City Library, Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, and Victory Women of Vision for partnering on a variety of exciting initiatives. Finally, the SNHPC staff is grateful to the Manchester Commissioners who serve SNHPC, including Raymond Clement (Treasurer and Executive Committee member), Peter Capano, Dan O'Neil, Marcus Ponce de Leon (Alt), and Donald Waldron.

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 City of Manchester included:

- Securing \$7.445 million through the NHDOT's FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan process to construct improvements at I-93 Exit 8 and Wellington Road.
- Conducting 138 traffic counts as well as bike/pedestrian counts within the City of Manchester to monitor citywide traffic volume patterns and changes.
- Conducting an air quality analysis in support of the City of Manchester's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding proposal to construct signal and sidewalk improvements on Mammoth Road. The project was successfully funded in the NHDOT's FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for \$3.770 million.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitating freight stakeholder meeting, truck route congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors.
- Providing mobility management services to connect Manchester 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.
- Providing support for monthly meetings of Manchester Connects and providing guidance to advance key priorities around multimodal transportation, public parks, and arts & community connections.
- Serving as a board member on the NextGen Resiliency Council, attending monthly meetings and establishing a working group to guide a forthcoming Transportation Equity Study.
- 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.
- 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.

- Working with City 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.
- Providing facilitation support and technical expertise for a two-day Plan New Hampshire charrette to evaluate potential safety improvements on Maple and Beech Streets.

City of Manchester Representatives to the Commission

Peter D. Capano, Raymond P. Clement (Executive Committee Member and Treasurer),
Dan P. O’Neil, Donald Waldron, Marcus Ponce de Leon, Alt.