



2018 Town of Bedford Report

By Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has a wide range of services and resources available to help member communities deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission's staff designs and carries out programs of regional significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively



to a specific community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Town Manager, Town Departments, Land Use Boards, and/or Town Council. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; keeps community officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulations; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire

Municipal Association, offers annual training workshops for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.

In the past year, it has been the Commission's pleasure to assist the Town of Bedford with collecting traffic speed data, identifying fatal and incapacitating crash locations, providing a pedestrian count at Bedford High School, supporting roadway corridor studies (Route 114) to be included in the NHDOT's Ten Year Plan, providing land conservation maps, and updating the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

The following table details services performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year includes hours worked specifically for the Town and for 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 of the communities. Examples of a regional project are the development of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and the organization of a legislative event for NH Legislators and local officials in the SNHPC region.

Number	Hours	Column3
1	85.43	Performed traffic counts at 26 sites in town;
2	70	Implemented the Becoming Age Friendly Pilot Program Phase II: SNHPC worked with the Town of Bedford staff and residents to develop an age-friendly survey on multiple topics (transportation, housing, recreation and engagement, and economic development). This would provide anticipated Master Plan update efforts guidance toward creating age-friendly elements in multiple chapters and guide age-friendly growth for the next 10 years;
3	46	Identified and created maps identifying fatal and incapacitating crash locations in Bedford to support the development of Road Safety Audit (RSA) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP) funding applications to the NHDOT;
4	32	Continued updates to CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) - a regional strategy which reflects local economic development needs and priorities and recommends a regional approach to achieving sustainable economic development;
5	27.4	Conducted research and attended meetings on up-and-coming transportation technology, such as Electric Vehicle charging stations and autonomous vehicles. Conducted public outreach in the region, especially regarding transit availability and the need for coordinating trail systems;
6	23.3	Began updating the SNHPC Long Range Transportation Plan;
7	23	Becoming Age Friendly Pilot Program Phase II: SNHPC invited communities and businesses to create pilot programs in which the Commission worked with the Pilot Community/Business to could tackle various community identified issues related to the one of the elements within the Age-Friendly assessment (transportation, housing, recreation, or economic development).
8	22.7	Vulnerability Assessment Program: As part of SNHPC's work program, staff is providing assistance to municipalities through documentation of transportation network vulnerability. This work identifies climate related risk to culverts and small bridges. In 2018 staff engaged local Road Agents and Engineering Departments to identify the risk factors. Data from SNHPC meetings with local managers was catalogued based on potential future actions and past incidents to be utilized for prioritizing risk among all documented assets. A vulnerability assessment will be provided to each municipality in the SNHPC region in 2019.
9	22.5	Performed town requested volume and classification counts on Polly Peabody Rd , Chubbuck Rd and Colonial Dr;
10	21.6	Continued updating the regional travel demand model, which is used to forecast traffic volumes on roads in throughout the region;
11	16.4	Represented the interests of the Town on the Region 8 Regional Coordinating Council for the Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services project;
12	14.1	Statewide Assistance – Initiated and managed a Statewide Scenic Byway Marketing committee and its efforts to plan a statewide forum;
13	13.7	Continued work with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Region-wide Assessment Grant for environmental studies and investigations to help move contaminated sites to clean up, redevelopment and reuse;
14	12.6	Coordinated the establishment of regional transportation performance measures through Partnering for Performance NH (PFPNH) workgroup;
18	12.6	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4): Staffed the Nashua/Manchester Storm Water Coalition meetings and participated in regional planning commission coordination of MS4 Efforts;
15	12.5	Continued to update the 2012 Regional Trails Plan, including collaboration with CNHRPC staff and outreach to local trail groups. Planned and staffed RTCC meetings in March, June, and November.

16	10.5	Participated in NH Complete Streets Conference Subcommittee, organizing and carrying out a statewide conference attended by 150 individuals on October 19, 2018;
17	10	Conducted a bicycle/pedestrian count study at Bedford High School, analyzed and shared data with interested stakeholders, planned 2019 counting season, which included researching new and proposed count locations as well as purchasing a second infrared counter for additional capability and responsiveness;
	7.5	Provided mapping assistance to the town; updated the Bedford Conservation Land Atlas, to include the newly established Florence M. Tarr Wildlife Sanctuary;
19	7.5	Coordinated with regional municipalities and the NHDOT to develop the 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan;
20	5.9	The FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program was developed and approved updated;
21	5.6	Coordinated with regional partners and the NHDOT on NH Rail Transit Authority Advisory and Governance Boards projects;
22	5.2	Provided monthly information to the Planning Board regarding upcoming meetings, project and grant updates, webinars and other training opportunities through the planning commission's quarterly Newsletters, monthly Media Blasts and periodic E-Bulletins;
23	3.8	Provided assistance to Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC);
24	2.5	Conducted research and attended meetings on bicycle/pedestrian events and technology, worked with Bike Manchester in coordinating children's bicycling events, conducted bike/ped outreach throughout the region and stayed up to date on bike/ped initiatives taking place in New Hampshire and New England;
25	2	Identified potential signal warrant study locations in Bedford;
26	1.2	Participated in discussions with the Nashua MPO to cooperatively develop and adjust Transportation Management Area (TMA)-related plans, programs, and schedules to ensure consistency;
27	1	Organized and facilitated the 2018 Legislative Event "Creating a Healthy Response to NH's Substance Abuse Crisis" for NH Legislators and local officials in the SNHPC region

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