

Public Participation Plan



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Public Comment Period:
May 12 – June 26

Public Hearing: June 27

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

May 2023 // DRAFT for public comment

What's in the PPP?

1. Introduction

What is public participation?
How we're meeting federal
and state requirements

2. Goals & Strategies

Our vision for how we will
achieve accessible, inclusive,
meaningful participation

3. Approaches

Techniques and strategies we
will use to enhance
engagement

4. MPO Planning Process

How we'll integrate PPP into the
Metropolitan Transportation
Plan, TIP, CMP, etc.

5. Performance Measures

How we will track, evaluate, and
improve our PPP efforts



PPP Timeline

May 12: Posted for 45-day public comment period.

May 23: Presentation & discussion with MPO Policy Committee.

June 15: Presentation & discussion with Technical Advisory Committee. Members in attendance shared a consensus recommendation for MPO adoption.

Today: Public hearing to review comments and provide recommendation for adoption.



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Any typos / corrections will be integrated (thank you!)

Today, we will review:

- **Proposed edits & additions to the draft PPP**
- **Additional insights for discussion**





Proposed Edits & Additions

SNHPC will integrate the following
updates, pending MPO approval

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| Feature "Ways to Participate" call-out box more prominently | Move up to Ch. 1 and feature across various communications channels |

Figure 3.5.1 - Ways to Participate with the SNHPC

p. 16 of current draft

Ways to Participate

Are you interested in getting more involved with SNHPC's regional planning initiatives? This checklist provides a few suggestions on how to get started:

- ✓ **Join the SNHPC mailing list.** Visit SNHPC.org and complete the form at the bottom of the page.
- ✓ **Follow us on Facebook.** Visit facebook.com/snhpc/ and click "Follow."
- ✓ **Attend a meeting.** Members of the public are welcome to attend monthly MPO and TAC meetings. SNHPC also hosts other public meetings and workshops to support a variety of planning initiatives. Check the calendar on our homepage for details. Agendas and electronic participation links are typically posted a week in advance.
- ✓ **Invite SNHPC to join your meeting.** SNHPC staff are available to present on a variety of planning initiatives that may be of interest to your community group. [Contact our staff](#) to discuss your needs.
- ✓ **Provide feedback on draft documents.** When a draft plan or report is developed, SNHPC will post the draft online to gather public feedback prior to adoption. Public comment periods vary from 10 to 45 days in length. Check the "News & Notices" section of the SNHPC homepage for details.
- ✓ **Consider joining the Commission.** SNHPC Commissioners are typically nominated by their community for a four-year term. Each community typically has two to four commissioners, as well as alternates, who participate in monthly Commission meetings. [Click here](#) to see the current list of Commissioners and learn more about their roles. Contact your local town planning official to discuss how you can get involved.

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| Clarify resources available for Limited English Proficiency, deaf, blind populations | Integrate into "Ways to Participate" box |

Sample photography to integrate:

- Victory Women of Vision Listening Session (w/ NH Alliance for Healthy Aging)
- Hooksett MTA outreach



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Interesting ideas to consider, may not necessitate a content update

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| Consider establishing a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to boost public participation | Interesting idea worth exploring further |

Questions & Discussion

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