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2021 - 2030 Ten Year Plan

As a first step in the process of developing the New Hampshire 2021 - 2030 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, SWRPC has sent every municipal select board, planning board, police chief and road agent/public works official in the Southwest Region a letter soliciting project nominations and input to be considered for the next Ten Year Plan (TYP). Individuals are encouraged to contact their local municipal elected officials or municipal staff to discuss any project ideas. Municipalities have been asked to respond to SWRPC's request for project nominations by **October 19th, 2018**. For more information, please contact J.B. Mack of Commission staff.

Road Maintenance 101 for Administrators & Elected Officials

A municipality's road network is one of its most important public assets. Roads play a central role in everything from public safety and education to economics and social interaction. As a result, municipal leaders are routinely faced with taxpayer questions and challenging decisions regarding road maintenance plans. Road Maintenance 101 for Administrators & Elected Officials was designed by the UNH Technology Transfer Center specifically for town administrators, managers, and elected officials and will provide an overview of numerous aspects of road maintenance to help municipal leaders make the most fiscally responsible and beneficial decisions for their communities. Topics of discussion will include road design and construction, pavement management and road network approach, pavement aging and life cycle, treatment options, and timing, budgeting and maintenance strategies. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the NH Audubon Society located at 84 Silk Farm Rd. in Concord. The municipal rate is \$60 and registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit https://t2.unh.edu/sites/default/files/documents/training/road_maintenance_101_for_administrators_elected_officials_2018.pdf.

Protecting Drinking Water

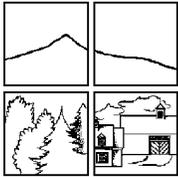
On Friday, September 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Delegation Room at the Old Cheshire County Courthouse, located at 12 Court Street in Keene, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the SWRPC Natural Resources Advisory Committee will be hosting a workshop highlighting what municipalities can do to protect their drinking water supplies. Topics will include site plan and zoning regulations to protect groundwater, how to identify and inventory potential contamination sources, what can be done to protect municipally-owned water system sources, and resources available to communities. The event is free, however, space is limited and advance registration is required. For questions or to register, please contact Andrew Madison at andrew.madison@des.nh.gov or Lisa Murphy of Commission staff.

2018 NHMA Law Lecture Series

The New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) will host the 2018 Municipal Law Lecture Series in September and October 2018. The lectures will be held on three consecutive Wednesday nights in Keene, Derry, and Stratham. In the Southwest Region, these sessions will be held on September 26th, October 3rd and October 10th in the Delegation Room at the Old Cheshire County Courthouse, located at 12 Court Street in Keene from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. These lectures are intended for municipal officials with an interest in or responsibility for municipal land use regulation including members of planning and zoning boards, planners, land use administrators, select boards, town and city councilors, building inspectors, code enforcement officers, and public works personnel. This year's lecture series will be on the topics of Planning Board Fundamentals, How to Read a Survey Plan, and Solar Power and Land Use. There is a fee of \$35 per lecture or \$90 for all three. To view the event schedule and register, please visit: <https://nhmunicipal.wufoo.com/forms/2018-municipal-law-lecture-series>.

City Express Bus Route Mapping

During August, SWRPC worked with Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services (HCS) to create updated route information for the City Express bus service. City Express currently operates three bus routes in Keene as well as a portion of Swanzey and has recently proposed an expansion of service, effective in September. The new service will consist of thirty-nine stops, including major retailers and grocery stores, Cheshire Medical Center, downtown Keene, and North Swanzey. In addition to printed and interactive mapping resources, SWRPC prepared updated information for Google Maps, to enable its users the capability to plan trips from multiple devices, discover available routes and stops and promote the availability of the City Express service. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation provided support for SWRPC's technical assistance. To learn more about City Express and HCS, please visit <https://hcsservices.org/transportation>. For more information, please contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff.



Radically Rural Conference

The Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship and the Keene Sentinel will co-host the first annual Radically Rural Conference in Keene on September 27th and 28th. The event is expected to bring together 500 people who are passionate about creating vibrant, robust rural communities and are eager to learn, connect and lead change. Radically Rural will feature five program tracks: arts & culture, entrepreneurship, journalism, working lands, and main street. The two-day conference aims to equip residents of rural areas with strategies for transforming their small cities and towns into vibrant hubs of economic and cultural activity. For more information and to register, please visit <https://radicallyrural.org/>

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