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Commission Highlights

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2019 SWRPC Annual Meeting

Southwest Region Planning Commission's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **June 11th** beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Norma Walker Hall at the Keene State College Alumni Center. Our guest presenter is Melinda Treadwell, President, Keene State College. For more information or to register, please contact Becky Baldwin of SWRPC staff.

Social Engagement

SWRPC is hosting a focus group session entitled *Achieving Social Connectedness: Meeting the Social Needs of All Ages in the Monadnock Region* on Tuesday, **June 18th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Keene Recreation Center located at 312 Washington Street in Keene. This is one in a series of topic-based sessions designed to inform the ongoing Age-Focused Planning project for Southwest New Hampshire. Social isolation can be a challenge for all ages. This event will feature a conversation to gather information on social engagement issues, such as why it is important to overall health and where do people go for social events. The event is open to all, but registration is appreciated. For more information or to register, please contact Lisa Murphy of SWRPC staff at lmurphy@swrpc.org or (603) 357-0557.

Public Open House on Intermodal Transportation Center Feasibility Study

Mark your calendar to attend an Open House and Public Meeting to learn about SWRPC's Greater Keene Intermodal Transportation Center Feasibility Study on **June 25th** in Delegation Hall at the Historic Cheshire County Courthouse located at 12 Court Street in Keene. An Intermodal Transportation Center is a facility that enables people to transfer comfortably and conveniently between transportation modes such as walking, bicycling, local public transit, intercity bus service, and private vehicle transportation. The event will start with an Open House at 5:00 p.m. followed by a formal presentation. A number of public involvement exercises are planned to gather input for the study. For more information, please contact J. B. Mack of SWRPC staff or visit the project webpage at www.swrpc.org/ITC.

CommuteSmart NH Statewide Challenge

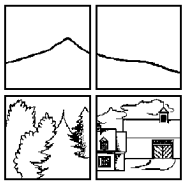
CommuteSmart NH invites businesses and organizations to participate in the Statewide Challenge, a pilot effort where workplaces compete to log commuting trips using sustainable transportation modes like walking, bicycling, carpooling, and public transit. The Challenge will occur throughout the month of June and is open to any workplace located in the State of New Hampshire. CommuteSmart NH is ready to work with employees or other workplace representatives to register teams and to provide guidance on how to log trips. Incentives are available to participating teams. Winning workplaces will be recognized at the end of the Challenge. CommuteSmart NH is a statewide initiative aimed at promoting active and sustainable transportation, with a focus on trips to and from work. For more information, please to contact Todd Horner of SWRPC staff or visit www.commutesmartnh.org.

Complete Streets Implementation Grant Program

The Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) has invited municipalities that have adopted a complete streets policy to consider submitting an application through the 2019 Monadnock Region Complete Streets Implementation grant program. This opportunity is made possible by an anonymous donation made through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's "You Have our Trust" Fund. A total of \$90,000 is available on a competitive basis for one or more complete streets implementation projects that enhance safety and mobility for users of all ages, abilities and modes of travel. Applications must be received by **July 31st** at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Henry Underwood of SWRPC staff or visit www.mastnh.org/2019-complete-streets-grant.

Brightfields 2019 - New England

In conjunction with New Hampshire's regional planning commissions, BrownfieldListings.com will conduct an interactive solar development event entitled *Brightfields 2019 – New England* on **July 23rd** at the Falls Event Center located at 21 Front Street in Manchester, New Hampshire. The event will bring together solar developers, real estate professionals, property owners, municipalities, and others for educational sessions, active networking and live market-making. Anyone may attend to hear the newest industry insights from public and private sector experts, ask technical questions of trained professionals, and to make direct connections via the opt-in Solar Market Mixer - a dynamic face-to-face networking program connecting solar developers, landowners and communities as well as other solar professionals. Anyone with a greenfield, greyfield, brownfield, or landfill can add their potential solar development site(s) to the mix and attend the event for free. Municipalities interested in the development of solar energy on land (rather than rooftops), are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register go to www.eventbrite.com/e/brownfield-listings-presents-brightfields-2019-new-england-tickets-61615309048.



Municipal Pavement Plan Completed

SWRPC staff assisted the Hancock public works department in developing a 10-year pavement plan for the Town. The Plan is the result of a comprehensive effort to map, assess and budget for the improvement of paved roads. The process, known as a road surface management system (RSMS), is designed to support cost-effective decision-making regarding roadway repairs at the municipal level. SWRPC offers RSMS technical assistance to communities throughout the region on a first-come, first-served basis. As part of the process, SWRPC collects data about road surface conditions and then works with the local highway department, public works department and/or road agent to explore different maintenance, rehabilitation or repair scenarios for individual roads. SWRPC is actively seeking participants of this program for scheduling purposes. For more information, please contact Henry Underwood of SWRPC staff.

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