

# SWRPC

## Commission Highlights

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### 2023 Annual Meeting

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, SWRPC held its Annual Meeting featuring guest speaker Don Kreis, New Hampshire's Consumer Advocate, as well as local officials including Andrea Hodson (Harrisville), Marge Shepardson (Marlborough) and Terry Clark (Cheshire County) to discuss why communities should be involved in actively planning for their energy future. For those that missed the event or want to revisit the fascinating talk, FACT TV recorded the event and posted it online at <https://bit.ly/SWRPC2023Annual>. The energy part of the program begins at the 32 minute mark. In addition, during June SWRPC staff partnered with Monadnock Sustainability Hub to hold three presentations on how municipalities can adopt community power in Hinsdale, Troy and Greenfield. For more information or to schedule a presentation about Community Power in your community, please contact J. B. Mack of SWRPC staff at [jbmack@swrpc.org](mailto:jbmack@swrpc.org).

### NH Transit Association and State Coordinating Council Annual Conference

On June 8<sup>th</sup> the NH Transit Association (NHTA) and State Coordinating Council (SCC) held their combined annual conference at the Grappone Center in Concord. The conference was well attended by professionals and advocates involved in improving transit and community transportation services across New Hampshire. NH Department of Transportation Commissioner, William Cass, provided opening remarks and commended the NHTA, SCC and statewide Mobility Management Network for their efforts to expand and improve community transportation services. A highlight of the conference was a plenary session entitled *The Intersection of Health and Mobility* featuring Point32Health Foundation Medical Director, Dr. Jeffrey Sedlack, and representatives from the NH Department of Health and Human Services and the NH Hospital Association. For more information about the conference or community transportation activities in the Monadnock Region, please contact Terry Johnson of SWRPC staff at [tjohnson@swrpc.org](mailto:tjohnson@swrpc.org).

### Alternative Fuel Vehicles Event

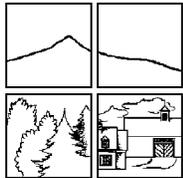
On June 9<sup>th</sup>, SWRPC staff attended an event entitled *Green Your Fleet* sponsored by the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition. The event was dedicated to informing attendees about the benefits of alternative fuel vehicles, as well as the available state and federal funding for development of fueling infrastructure. The program included an impressive cast of speakers, including U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, and offered participants the opportunity to ride or drive in a selection of electric vehicles. To learn more about alternative fuel vehicles, visit the U.S. Department of Energy's interactive website at <https://afdc.energy.gov/>. For more information, please contact Jason Cooper of SWRPC staff at [jcooper@swrpc.org](mailto:jcooper@swrpc.org).

### Complete Streets Information Session & MAST Annual Meeting

On behalf of the Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) and in partnership with Cheshire Medical Center, SWRPC is pleased to announce a 2023 Complete Streets Implementation Grant opportunity. Up to \$120,000 is available to support complete streets construction or non-infrastructure activities including planning, preliminary engineering, "pop-up" events, and development of complete streets policies. More details and application materials are now available at [www.mastnh.org/2023-complete-streets-grant](http://www.mastnh.org/2023-complete-streets-grant). The deadline to apply is **Friday, September 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** Interested in learning more at an in-person event? MAST's Annual Meeting will showcase past projects and provide an overview of how to develop a competitive proposal. The Annual Meeting will be held on **July 19, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at Whitcomb Hall in Swanzey. The meeting will also be available via Zoom (register at <https://bit.ly/3XwfPRo>). For more information, please visit the MAST website at [www.mastnh.org](http://www.mastnh.org) or contact Henry Underwood of SWRPC staff at [hunderwood@swrpc.org](mailto:hunderwood@swrpc.org).

## Pavement Preservation Planning

During June, SWRPC completed a pavement preservation plan for the Town of Greenville utilizing Road Surface Management System (RSMS) guidance, protocols and forecasting software offered by the UNH Technology Transfer Center and NH Department of Transportation. RSMS is a data-driven approach to managing roads using recent road condition data and applying the principles of pavement preservation. Undertaking the RSMS process helps communities extend pavement life at a cost savings system-wide. This project involved a field inventory of pavement conditions on all Town-maintained roads and an analysis that examined projected future road conditions and repair costs. Using this information, as well as input from municipal staff, SWRPC created a 10-year plan that will assist the Town in planning for future pavement maintenance. SWRPC is currently seeking communities that would like to develop their first-ever pavement plan - or update an existing one at the recommended interval of every 5 years. For more information, please contact Henry Underwood of Commission staff at [hunderwood@swrpc.org](mailto:hunderwood@swrpc.org) or by calling 603-357-0557. Information is also available on the SWRPC website at [www.swrpc.org/rsms](http://www.swrpc.org/rsms).



## SW CEDR Facilitates Grant Coaching Activities

SWRPC staff, along with its peer organization Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission co-facilitated the efforts of the South-West Collaborative Economic Development Region (SW CEDR) to connect under-resourced towns and organizations with grant coaching services. The SW CEDR is a coalition of economic and community development stakeholders in the Monadnock Region and Upper Valley that aims to improve coordination and boost regional capacity to pursue economic development initiatives. Grant coaching entails activities such as identifying eligible funding sources, assisting in development of grant proposal materials, and guiding organizations through the grant application process. Organizations selected for SW CEDR-sponsored coaching services include Monadnock Habitat for Humanity, Monadnock Art x Tech, Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse, and the New London Bike-Walk Alliance. For more information, please contact Todd Horner of SWRPC staff at [thorner@swrpc.org](mailto:thorner@swrpc.org).

