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Transportation Advisory Committee Evaluates Regional Priority Projects

On October 7th, SWRPC's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) listened to presentations on four projects competing for inclusion in the 2027-2036 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has set aside approximately \$5 million in federal funds to construct one or more SWRPC regional priority projects in 2036 and 2037. Projects include proposals to improve walking and cycling infrastructure between Hinsdale and Brattleboro, VT; a proposal to improve the NH Route 12 and NH Route 32 intersection in Keene; a proposal to address intersection and pedestrian safety concerns and inadequate stormwater infrastructure on NH Route 101 and NH Route 124 in Marlborough; and a project to build out a network of sidewalks and crosswalks on NH Route 12, NH Route 32 and Lake Street in North Swanzey. The TAC is scheduled to review and discuss its initial scoring results at its meeting on November 4th, after a ranked list will be submitted to NHDOT for review and comment. For more information, please contact J. B. Mack of SWRPC staff at jbmack@swrpc.org.

Citizen Planner Peer-to-Peer Roundtable

SWRPC and the Monadnock Resource Alliance held a Peer-to-Peer Roundtable event for planning board members for towns in the Monadnock Region. Representatives from Alstead, Marlow, Sullivan, Gilsum, Harrisville, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Temple, and Greenville attended. A Rose-Bud-Thorn discussion method highlighted recent successes, upcoming projects, and current challenges. Roses included migrating documents to digital storage platforms, ADU ordinance amendments, consistent communication with town officials, routine ordinance maintenance, and development of planning board rules and procedures. Buds included master plan updates, planning board member education, and increasing public participation. Thorns mainly surrounded resource management - be that time, people, or funds and the disproportionate burden rural towns feel about documentation. The next Roundtable will be on **December 5, 2024** in Temple, details TBA. For more information, please contact Chloe Gross of SWRPC staff at cgross@swrpc.org.

NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Letter of Interest Now Available

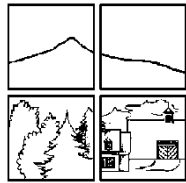
The federally funded Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is designed to provide choices for non-motorized users that are safe, reliable, and convenient. New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Round 5 of the program is now available at bit.ly/3YuPB2D. Interested applicants must complete a non-binding *Letter of Interest Form* by **Friday, December 6, 2024** with applications due by **Friday, January 24, 2025**. Local governments, schools, non-profits and others are eligible to apply for projects like bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safe routes to school projects, and vulnerable road user safety assessments. SWRPC has access to a team of transportation engineers to help communities develop accurate project cost estimates, project design ideas and more! For more information, please contact J. B. Mack at (603) 357-0557 x 15 or jbmack@swrpc.org.

Monadnock Region ADU Design Challenge

The Monadnock Region Accessory Dwelling Unit Design Challenge requests conceptual ADU design submissions from architects and building designers, students, and community members in the Monadnock Region, state of New Hampshire, and New England area. Three \$5,000 prizes will be awarded: one for each category of ADU (new attached addition, new freestanding structure, adaptive reuse of an existing structure). Homeowner "case studies" are available at www.swrpc.org/adu as well as the design brief, timeline, question form, and registration instructions. Case study registration is first-come, first-served and is open through **November 30, 2024**. Spots are still available. Final submission deadline is **January 31, 2025**. For more information, please contact Todd Horner at thorner@swrpc.org.

November 19th Cyber Defense Program Workshop for Public Sector Employees

In October, SWRPC arranged for Primex and Atom Group to host free training for all public sector employees on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The two organizations contribute to the New Hampshire Municipal Cyber Defense Program, which is funded by the NH Department of Information Technology and the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. Topics in the training include *Current Cybersecurity Landscape in NH*; *Phishing and Business Email Compromise*; *Financial Frauds*; *Ransomware Tactics*; *Protecting Yourself and Your Entity*; and *Data Privacy*. You may register at bit.ly/3YD2msa to participate either via Zoom or in-person at the Delegation Hall in the Historic Cheshire County Courthouse located at 12 Court Street, Keene, NH. If attending in-person, please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information about the meeting, please contact Rod Bouchard at rbouchard@swrpc.org or Henry Underwood at hunderwood@swrpc.org. For assistance registering for the meeting, please contact Rich Clough of SWRPC staff at 603-357-0557.



Community Transportation Month

October was **Celebrate Community Transportation** month. As part of the celebration, SWRPC spotlighted the vital transit and volunteer driver program (VDP) services available in the Monadnock Region. Home HealthCare, Hospice and Community Services, the Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) and Keene Senior Center operate programs that serve the region. Additionally, CVTC provides rides to destinations outside the region. VDPs are crucial to “filling the gaps” in public transit networks, especially for populations who otherwise would not have access to transportation. For further information about regional public transportation services and studies, go to the [transit](#) and [VDP](#) blogs and the [“Next Generation” transit system](#) page on the SWRPC website (www.swrpc.org). For more information, please contact Terry Johnson of SWRPC staff at tjohnson@swrpc.org.

