

REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010
ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Land Use Planning

TARGETED BLOCK GRANT

(Funding Source: NHOEP; LOCAL DUES)

1. Geographic Information System Support

a) General support of GIS to include the following:

- ESRI accredited ArcView, ArcGIS, Geodatabase or other GIS training and/or attendance of staff at NEARC or other annual GIS conference for non-transportation staff;
- maintenance contracts or software upgrades for ArcInfo 9.x and ArcView 9.x software (one-half share);
- attendance at RPA GIS Users meetings and GIS Day (UNH);

b) GIS Local Technical Assistance and Support:

General day-to-day support in responding to requests for assistance on local mapping projects, training assistance in the integration of GPS data in local maps, in updating and duplicating pre-existing GIS maps created for earlier projects, dissemination of current (2005) digital orthophotography, assistance in procurement of GIS services, and basic training of local officials in the use of GIS. This task will support a variety of GIS work including maps, town-wide buildouts and the accompanying analysis.

c) Mapping Support for the Regional Master Plan

Development of individual chapters of the Regional Master Plan will continue in FY-10. This task will support the preparation of maps and associated analysis to be included in the regional master plan.

2. Training & Education for Land Use Boards

- a) Planning Board Training: Continue planning board training series to consist of two training workshops or seminars focusing on one or more of the following: planning board procedures, responsibilities, land use regulations, innovative zoning, enforcement, planning law, regional impact review, or general development review techniques. One of the sessions will be specifically designed to provide training tailored to new planning board members.

3. Matching Grant Planning Assistance Program for Non-Coastal Communities

This component of our program will support a matching grant program the RPC will make available for planning assistance projects in the 14 member communities that make up the non-coastal area of the RPC. Similar to how the coastal communities have Coastal Program funds available to them, these funds would be made available to the non-coastal communities for a 50/50 matching program for planning projects. Specific projects will be solicited from the communities and judged based on the project description, demonstrated need, and availability of local match. Proposals from the seven RPC communities that are eligible for neither Coast Program funds or I-93 CTAP discretionary grant funds will be favored. Non-dues paying- members will be ineligible for these matching grant

funds.

Maximum matching amounts per project is \$3000. The projects submitted for FY 10 are as follows:

- Brentwood – Preparation of an open space plan for the Town.
- Danville – Preparing an inventory of wildlife corridors in Town and preparing maps of this information.
- Fremont – Prepare updates to the Town’s public utilities chapter of the master plan as well as developing a process to guide annual CIP updates.
- Newton – Assist the Board with follow-up actions resulting from the Plan NH Charrette occurring in September, 2009.

4. Development/Updating of Regional Master Plan Chapters

Continue ongoing development and updating of the RPC Regional Master Plan, per content requirements of RSA 36:47 and content recommendation of RSA 674:2. Chapters to be developed or updated in 2008-2009 include Existing and Future Land Use.

5. Developments of Regional Impact

Provide RPC DRI committee support; attend local land use board meeting concerning developments of regional impact. Monitor and amend rules of procedure for the DRI Committee as needed. Pending passage of SB-29, update existing DRI community guidance documents to incorporate community input and distribute guidance to all Land Use Boards in the region.

6. Community Energy Committee Assistance

Assist one newly formed Community Energy Committee to carry out its activities, as needed and as staffing resources are available. This work may include general committee organizational assistance, conducting local energy inventories, and adapting model wind turbine or local energy ordinances to meet specific community needs.

NH COASTAL PROGRAM

(Funding Source: NH CZP; Local Dues, Communities)

1. Planning Assistance for Coastal Communities

The RPC will receive grant funds to provide technical planning assistance matching grants to communities who wish to undertake local planning projects or activities that will benefit and/ or help protect coastal resources. For FY 09 these projects include:

- Greenland: Provide general technical planning assistance to the Greenland Planning Board including attending monthly Board meetings, review of development applications, preparation of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, assisting the Board in implementing land use and natural resource related Master Plan recommendations, and attending the RPC’s Projects of Regional Impact Committee meetings as needed.
- Hampton Falls: Provide general technical planning assistance to the Hampton Falls Planning Board including attending monthly Board meetings, review of development applications, preparation of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, updating the town’s tax maps with annual assessor’s information, and attending the RPC’s Projects of Regional Impact Committee meetings as needed.

- New Castle: Prepare updates to the future land use section of the master plan by incorporating newly developed GIS coverage for land use and zoning as well as the Town's conservation strategy document.
- North Hampton: Provide general technical planning assistance to the North Hampton Planning Board including attending monthly Board meetings, review of development applications, preparation of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, assisting the Board in implementing land use and natural resource related Master Plan recommendations, and attending the RPC's Projects of Regional Impact Committee meetings.
- Rye Beach Dist: Assist the Planning Board for the Rye Beach District in undertaking an audit of their zoning ordinance and their subdivision and site plan review regulations to determine changes to be made to comply with recently adopted state laws.
- Stratham: Assist the Town in the preparation of a form-based code for their recently developed Gateway Commercial Business district.

2. Groundwater Sustainability Study (USGS/NHDES)

(Funding: Local Dues)

Continue staff participation and support as requested in the followup and implementation of the groundwater sustainability study being carried out by the USGS and NHDES with funding from the NH Coastal Program and coastal communities. Final publication of the report will occur this year; RPC will assist with dissemination at public meeting and with individual communities.

3. Groundwater Study Committee (NHDES/NH Coastal Program)

(Funding: NH Coastal Program; Local Dues)

Continue staff participation on the NH Groundwater Study Commission (SB 155)

4. Conservation Commission Circuit Rider Program (NHDES/NH Coastal Program)

(Funding: NH Coastal Program; Local Dues; Local In-kind services)

Provide staff support to conservation commissions in two coastal program communities for such activities as: attending monthly meetings, providing general organizational assistance, and providing direct technical assistance relating to water resource protection initiatives, drafting proposed land use regulations and master plan chapter sections, promoting sustainable development practices and engaging in public outreach programs.

6. Coastal Adaptation Planning (NHDES/NH Coastal Program)

(Funding: NH Coastal Program; Local Dues; Local in-kind services)

Rockingham Planning Commission will produce technical documents using the materials developed for the Seabrook adaptation study that will be applicable for all our coastal communities. These materials will include new potential flooding area maps, proposed local land use regulations and other education/outreach materials as appropriate.

Environmental Planning/Natural Resources/Water Resources

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROGRAM (REPP) (ARRA–Funded in FY-10)

(Funding: NH Department of Environmental Services; Local Dues)

Objective 1 – Complete Model Fluvial Erosion Hazard ordinance:

The RPC has been tasked under this statewide program with developing the model ordinance to codify improvements in local flood and stormwater ordinances and regulations. This will include research and review of ordinances from other states, and distribution to DES and RPCs for review and comment and producing the final model ordinance.

The focus now is on providing direct assistance to communities in implementing one or more of the models contained in the Guide. Solicitations will continue to be made and support will be provided for up to 6 communities per year.

Objective 2 – Complete Model Fluvial Erosion Hazard Chapter of Innovative Land Use Guide:

Prepare a chapter within the Innovative Land Use Handbook on Fluvial Erosion Ordinance, including its purpose, precedents, intended uses and explication of the model ordinance.

Objective 3 – Present FEH Chapter and Ordinance to Local Boards:

Present the Model FEH Ordinance, FEH Chapter and maps to ERLAC, Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, Selectmen and Zoning Boards and Building Inspectors within the Exeter River Watershed, and provide related recommendations on amending existing regulations, plans and policies to incorporate the FEH model.

Objective 4 – Prepare Squamscott River Nomination to Rivers Protection Program

- Meet with local officials and stakeholders in the Squamscott River watershed to explain the RMPP and nomination process, and expected outcomes associated with receiving 'protected' status.
- Prepare draft and final nomination documents for submittal to the DES Rivers management and Protection Program (RMPP) for the Squamscott River.

Objective 5 – Implementation Assistance – Innovative Land Use Guide

Provide assistance on an as requested basis to communities intending to implement one or more of the model innovative land use ordinances and regulations including in the Innovative Land Use Techniques handbook. For FY-10 only, this assistance will be limited to work on water quality related ordinances.

Objective 6 -- RPC Participation in Innovative Permitting and Technical Assistance Initiative

Work with NHDES staff in developing permitting incentives to promote improved development practices. RPC will sponsor stakeholder local planning and developer focus groups to gather input on incentives, and provide DES feedback on proposed approaches and materials.

Exeter River Management Plan; Assistance to ERLAC (604B)

(Funding: EPA 604B Program; Local Dues)

The RPC will continue to provide technical assistance to the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) under the provisions of the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. For 13 years the RPC has provided organizational and technical planning assistance to ERLAC, which is responsible for developing and adopting a management plan for the river. Work tasks for Fiscal Year 2008, are proposed to include:

- Assist ERLAC, watershed conservation commissions; assist ERLAC with other public education and outreach projects.
- Continue to provide technical and administrative support for monthly ERLAC meetings.
- RPC staff will review land development proposals and draft letters to relevant parties; arrange for meetings with developers proposing projects in the watershed and invite Planning Board and Conservation Commissions to attend these meetings. RPC will submit response letters regarding development proposals, and minutes from meetings with developers, Planning Boards, and Conservation Commissions in both electronic and hard-copy to DES on or before the project completion date.
- Prepare grant requests to the NH Coastal Program, NH Estuaries Project, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, State Conservation Committee and other organizations to secure funding for implementation of Management Plan recommendations.
- RPC staff will attend two public outreach workshops, one on vernal pools and one on wildlife habitat. RPC staff will develop and distribute workshop notices and press releases and arrange for speakers for these events. RPC will submit press releases for two public outreach workshops in both electronic and hard-copy to DES on or before the project completion date.

NHEP Management Committee

(Funding: Local Dues)

The RPC will continue to participate on the NH Estuaries Program Management Committee representing RPC communities and regional interests.

Exeter River Fluvial/Geomorphic Study

(Funding: NHDES; FEMA)

RPC staff will provide GIS mapping, community communication and coordination, and ordinance development assistance in connection to a Geomorphologic study of the Exeter River. Three regional meetings about the study and its findings will be held; maps will be produced and distributed to all watershed communities, and assistance will be provided to communities in the modification of local flood plain and site development regulations to account for study recommendations.

EPA Brownfields Site Assessment Program

(Funding: EPA; RPC Dues)

Additional funding was approved in FY2010 to continue and expand the program to include both hazardous substance and petroleum contamination sites, RPC staff will continue to work with the RPC Brownfields Advisory Committee and to select and prioritize sites and selected and prioritized five sites for further investigation and assessments. Phase 1 assessments of candidate brownfields sites will be conducted after securing the interest and cooperation of the individual landowners. Phase 2 assessment will be completed as warranted. Candidate assessment sites are located in Portsmouth, Hampton, Exeter, Fremont Epping, Plaistow. Others will be added in the coming year.

Transportation Planning

(Funding Sources: FHWA; NHDOT; FTA; Local Dues)

The RPC is responsible for the organization and maintenance of the federally mandated metropolitan planning process and MPO (metropolitan planning organization) within the RPC region. This is the second year for this planning under the re-designated RPC-MPO in which the RPC region is co-terminous with the MPO. Significant work effort this year will be devoted to adopting new and updated key planning and procedural documents from the former Seacoast and Salem-Plaistow-Windham MPOs, including a new, SAFETEA-LU compliant Long Range Transportation Plan for the region, an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategy/architecture and a Congestion Management Process (CMP). The major transportation planning tasks carried out in the new RPC-MPO study areas are fully defined in the FY 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program adopted by the Commission in May 2007. Key work items includes are as follows

TASK 101 Data Collection and Analysis:

- Complete Upgrade of Seacoast Travel Demand Model. Staff and consultants (RSG, Norwich VT) substantially completed this effort begun in 2007-2008. The focus of this task this year is to test and calibrate the new model for use in the upcoming air quality attainment area (8 hour ozone standard) analysis for the TIP and Plan and also to use it to develop land use “scenario” modeling to support the Long Range Transportation Plan and Regional Master Plan. The purpose of the model upgrade is to increase the resolution of the existing model by expanding the number of Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) and the extent of the roadway network included in it. The model is crucial for the quantitative analysis of proposed projects, the identification and forecasting of capacity constraints, and for air quality conformity analyses. With greater geographic density the model can be more readily used in sub-area analyses and to model the travel demand impacts of alternative future land use development patterns.
- Coordinate development and maintenance of the travel demand model with the Strafford MPO. The model is used and maintained jointly with the Stafford MPO. With the advent of the MPO re-designation, new protocols and procedures will need to be developed to coordinate UPWP resources used to support the model and to ensure consistency in how it is maintained and updated.
- Analyze, summarize and distribute existing land use maps to communities. Detailed land use mapping has been completed in the I-93 Corridor as part of the CTAP program. This mapping utilizes the 2005 digital orthophotography (Sanborn Maps) acquired by NHDOT in 2006. To establish a consistent land use database for the MPO area, similar detailed mapping was carried out for the remaining 20 Towns in the study area over the past year (2007-2008). This year the data will be disseminated and used both in local planning and in analyzing and summarizing land use growth patterns in the region. Such data is critical for many of the planning activities required in other areas of the UPWP, including travel demand modeling.
- Continue extensive traffic data collection efforts to support NHDOT traffic data needs; assist communities with local technical studies and analysis. We will upgrade equipment and use outside assistance, as necessary, to effectively complete this program. The majority of the counting program will be carried out by outside vendors, but we will maintain in-house capacity and equipment to support special traffic studies as needed.

TASK 102: Policy and Plan Development Review:

- SAFETEA-LU Implementation. Complete the updating of all MPO planning documents to identify gaps between current practices and SAFETEA-LU requirements. The MPO will address critical gaps first to ensure compliance and prevent delays in the implementation of the transportation program. Where appropriate, minor compliance-oriented changes to MPO documents that do not represent

policy changes will be updated as administrative amendments.

- *Development of New Long Range Transportation Plan.* RPC staff will develop a fully SAFETEA-LU compliant Long Range Transportation Plan (2009-2035). The plan will include both short and long range element and a financial plan demonstrating financial constraint, and will address SAFETEA-LU specific element including environmental mitigation, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, and transit coordination.
- *Implementation of MPO Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs).* MPO re-designation and realignment was accomplished in 2007-2008. As such, all existing MPO documents for the Salem-Plaistow-Windham and Seacoast MPO were combined and/or substantially revised to address the realignment. This included interim revisions to the Long Range Transportation Plan and TIP, and a new Prospectus. In 2008-2009 this work will be completed with the reestablishment of MOUs between the MPO and cooperating agencies such that they are consistent with the MPO re-designation and are up to date in content.
- *Fiscal Constraint and Financial Planning:* In cooperation with NHDOT, COAST and the other New Hampshire MPOs (and RPAs as appropriate), develop procedures for estimating funding targets appropriate for the MPO TIP and Long Range Plan. The process for developing such estimates will include an analysis of historical data of revenues and project costs and will incorporate expected cost inflation into project cost estimates. Such estimates will become the basis for the financial plan incorporated into the TIP and Plan.
- *Annual Listing of Projects:* Update an Annual Listing of Obligated Projects as required by SAFETEA-LU. The listing will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and will identify any significant delays in the planned implementation of major projects. As is done presently, this listing will be incorporated into the MPO's TIP or in a separate addendum if the TIP is not amended at least annually.
- *Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plans:* Staff will work with COAST, Strafford MPO and Human Service Agency staff to update the SAFETEA-LU mandated Human Services Transit Plan for the portion of the MPO served by COAST. This will primarily involve continued assistance to the Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT) effort underway for the past year. A separate coordinated plan for the portion of the MPO served by CART was also completed and adopted, by the former Salem-Plaistow-Windham MPO. Review and updates to this document will also be completed.
- *Transition to Air Quality Conformity Analysis under 8 Hour Standard:* In cooperation with NHDES, NHDOT and the other MPOs, fully integrate the analysis of air quality conformity for the Southern New Hampshire non-attainment area as needed to comply with the 8 hour standard.
- *Improve the Project Development and Scoping Process of the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.* Staff will refine project selection and evaluation procedures to reflect recommendations made in the State Long Range Transportation Plan. This will include the development of more detailed project descriptions, verification of community support and better-cost estimates.
- *Develop Corridor Planning Approach within Long Range Transportation Planning:* The State Long Range Transportation Plan is likely to recommend that the state adopt a "tier" based corridor planning approach. Implementation of this at the region/MPO level will require adapting existing approaches. Staff will work with the NHDOT to identify Tier 1 and Tier 2/3 corridors in the region and develop appropriate approaches for each.
- *Implement the MPO Public Involvement Plan to assist in identifying transportation needs and proposed solutions in the MPO region.* In 2007-2008, the MPO developed a new Public Involvement Plan in accordance with SAFETEA-LU. This year MPO staff will work toward full implementation of the elements of this Plan.

- Complete Phase II Planning and Implementation for the NH Seacoast Greenway. The RPC has secured grant funding from the NH Charitable Foundation for the next phase of planning work on the NH segment of the East Coast Greenway. Work will include development of an organizational structure to oversee implementation, as well as financial and strategic plans for the project.
- Participate in the statewide bicycle/pedestrian planning process through the statewide advisory committee. Improve bicycle safety through education and awareness efforts for both motorists and cyclists.

TASK 103: Implementation:

- Project Monitoring and Tracking. In cooperation with the NHDOT, the MPO will increase its level of effort in the ongoing tracking of projects as they progress from the TIP to engineering, ROW and construction. This is an area of increased effort recommended by the FHWA and often requested by our communities. More thorough understanding of project status will enable MPO staff to anticipate TIP amendment requests and to explain the reason for changes and delays in project implementation. It will also assist in the preparation of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects under Task 102.
- CART Technical Assistance. MPO staff will continue to technical assistance to the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transit (CART) in the Salem Derry area. Activities this year will focus on expanding participation of other transportation provider agencies to the CART system, analyzing system usage and planning potential fixed routes and working out long term funding allocations for FTA Section 5307 funds..
- Increased MPO involvement in transportation project implementation, design review and CSS. The NHDOT and regional planning commissions are collaborating in improved project scoping and early design review phases of project implementation. Where appropriate MPO staff will participate, provide comments, and assist in obtaining local input. Both Commissions may reserve resources to contract with engineering and design professionals to assist with these efforts as necessary. In addition the MPO will assist in implementing a standard Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) approach to project design by, in the appropriate circumstance, assisting with stakeholder identification, participating as a stakeholder in project scoping and design, or acting as facilitator of stakeholder groups.
- Improve general awareness and understanding of transportation, land use, air quality and energy issues on the part of local officials, legislators, and the public. The MPO staff will facilitate the presentation of information through the MPO meetings and public presentations. We will educate members of the community, including elected officials, regarding general transportation, air quality, quality of life and transportation policy issues that impact our region and Northern New England.
- Continue active involvement with the implementation of the I-93 Expansion project. This will include participation in the NH-MA Bi-State Transit Investment Alternatives Study for the corridor, the CTAP Program and “Salt-Ed” project for developing a Chloride TMDL in I-93 impacted watersheds.
- Provide Technical Assistance to COAST in general operations and planning for regional transit coordination in the Seacoast. Staff will continue to serve on the COAST board, assist with an update to the COAST municipal funding formula, collaborate with COAST and Strafford MPO staff on an analysis of the economic impact of COAST service, and work with COAST and US1 corridor communities to plan an expansion of COAST service south of Portsmouth. Staff will also work with COAST as part of the Alliance for Community Transportation, a collaborative of municipalities and provider agencies working to establish a regional transit brokerage serving the Greater Seacoast.
- Provide Technical Assistance to the TASC volunteer driver program. Staff will continue to work with

the TASC board of securing municipal as well as grant funding, securing 501(c)(3) designation, planning for integration of volunteer drivers into the ACT brokerage system, and general program oversight.

- Monitor and promote new commuter/inter-city transit services along the Route 28/I-93 and Route 101 corridors. The MPO will assist where possible to support the startup of Boston commuter service from Windham and Salem in association with the widening of I-93. To the extent possible, the MPO will also assist in the implementation of passenger rail service to Plaistow and other enhancements to Downeaster Service. Note that implementation of rail service to Plaistow is on hold until NHDOT is able to negotiate an arrangement with Pan Am Railway (formerly Guilford Rail Systems) to allow station construction.
- TMA Assistance: Assist Salem in implementation of the TMA component of the Salem Employment Trip Reduction Integration Project (SE-TRIP). Continue to assist Seacoast Commuter Options in implementing transportation demand management programs in the Seacoast area. Work with Seacoast Commuter Options to continue promoting and expanding Bike/Walk to Work Day.

TASK 104: Local Technical Assistance:

- Work toward improved Integration of transportation and land use planning. Using recommendations and techniques included in such studies as the Route 16 Corridor Protection Study the Route 125 Corridor Feasibility Study, the Route 1 Corridor Study, CTAP, REPP Innovative Land Use Guide and other sources, MPO staff will assist communities in implementing land and zoning regulations which better integrate land use planning and transportation objectives. Staff will also work toward the incorporation of these principals in planning documents and in project design and in providing education and outreach directed to local land use boards
- Continue MPO involvement in the development and implementation of access management plans in the region. Specific efforts will include: assistance to communities in the Route 125 and Route 1 corridors to implement land use and access management recommendations of the respective Corridor Studies; assisting the development and execution of Access Management MOUs with NHDOT District VI, and to monitor the development of project plans for implementing highway improvement in the corridors.
- Provide assistance in support of project development and funding identification. This task will include assistance to communities and agencies for the TIP project solicitation, Transportation Plan, CMAQ and Enhancement proposals, and assist applicants in other TEA-21 applications as desired, including the Transportation and Community System Preservation (TCSP) and Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms programs.
- Route 1 Corridor Study – MOU Implementation: The US 1 Corridor Study will be published and distributed to communities in the summer and fall of 2008. Follow-up efforts on implementation will be to work with each community to execute Access management Memoranda of Understanding with the Town and NHDOT.
- Provide assistance to communities in developing Safe Routes to School Initiatives. The Commission will assist the Town of Rye with developing a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Travel Plan, under an SRTS planning grant received by Rye by NH DOT. RPC will also provide SRTS assistance to other member communities as requested.
- Provide resources to communities for technical studies. The Commission will budget for both staff assistance and matching grant assistance for specialized transportation studies which support smart growth principles and improved integration of land use practices with transportation planning.

TASK 105: Program Administration:

- Implement Indirect Cost Rate method of cost allocation. Submit indirect cost rate proposal identifying a provisional indirect cost rate to be use as the basis of monthly billing and cost allocation. Monitor indirect costs in relation to monthly allocation computations.
- Prepare Annual Performance Report. Compile and submit an Annual UPWP Performance Report at the end of each fiscal year (state) reporting on UPWP activities, including a summary of tasks not accomplished, and reasons why.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

- Continue to represent RPA's and participate in the development of a new State Long Range Transportation Plan at Community Advisory Committee and 'In-reach' committee.
- Continue to participate in the development and implementation of the I-93 Community Technical Assistance Program (I-93 CTAP) including:
 - Administration & passthrough of Community discretionary Grants
 - Enhanced land use mapping
 - Buildout analysis
 - Community planning assessments
 - Open space planning assistance
 - Regional grant writing assistance
 - Inclusionary housing program administration
 - Agricultural Commissions startup assistance program
- Monitor and assist in the implementation of transportation projects and studies in the region. In FY 2009, these will include:
 - Windham-NH111-Wall Street Corridor Study: Coordinate and facilitate the execution of the Wall Street – NH111 Corridor Study; Hire and monitor chosen consultant to carry out the study.
 - Participation in technical advisory and review and comment on work products for the Bi-state Transit Alternative Study to evaluate long term transit options for the I-93 corridor;
 - COAST – Route Planning; System Analysis; Staff Assistance;
 - Completion of US Route 1 Corridor Study Update (SPR);
 - Provide assistance as needed to Greater Portsmouth TMA and Salem TMA implementation;
 - Bicycle Shoulder Improvement – various locations including Pioneer Road, NH 111 in North Hampton, Winnacunnet Road and Exeter Road in Hampton, and others;
 - Participation in Special Study Committee with DOT, FHWA, & FTA to review/revise TIP amendment process and procedures;
 - Completion of the Epping Road Corridor Study/Access Management Plan;
 - Completion of Regional Master Plan Component SPR Project, including scenario planning and analysis of alternative growth patterns in the region.
 - Continue work with MVPC on NH 125 Study implementation and other cross-border transportation issues; and

Economic Development Planning

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

(Funding: Rockingham Economic Development Corp., Local Dues)

Provide assistance to the REDC in updating of the 2008 Rockingham County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), in support of on-going regional economic development planning efforts. The RPC's responsibilities will include updating demographic and economic data and associated analyses, assisting with reviewing and updating goals, objectives and recommendations, including the priority project list, researching status of major regional economic development projects and providing support and input at Steering Committee and REDC Board meetings. The original CEDS was completed in 2000; a major rewrite was completed in 2005; annual updates are completed for intervening years.

Related to the CEDS, the RPC will also continue to participate in outgrowth initiatives of the Bi-State Economic Development Summit held in 2007. The NH-ME Bid state Economic Development summit resulted in regional initiatives involving transportation, energy and green technologies and others, all coordinated through the CEDS and MPO processes.

EPA Brownfields Site Assessment Program

(Funding: EPA; RPC Dues)

See the program description above under "*Environmental Planning/Natural Resources/Water Resources*" In practice Brownfields programs are only successful if they achieve economic development through the redevelopment of and brownfields.

Other Regional Programs

Hazard Mitigation Planning

(Funding: NH Office of Emergency Management, RPC)

Continue development and begin an update cycle of Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans for communities in the region. In 2008-2009 a Hazard Mitigation Plan for South Hampton will be prepared, which will mark completion of Hazard Mitigation Plans in all 27 communities. Also in 2008-2009, the RPC will perform the 5 year updates for the Hazard Mitigation Plans in Portsmouth, Rye and Fremont.

FEMA Flood Insurance Program Assistance

(Funding Source: RPC; FEMA; NHOSP; NHOEM)

Provide technical assistance to the NH Office of Energy and Planning in administrating the FEMA Flood Insurance Program. This work includes making 'community assistance visits' (CAVs) and 'community awareness contacts' (CACs) with communities selected by FEMA, and participating in regional NFIP training sessions.

Developments of Regional Impact Review

(Funding: Local Dues)

Continue to staff the Developments of Regional Impact Review Committee which reviews and comments on proposed development in the region that may have regionwide impact. (RSA 35:54-58).

Work on strengthening the regional impact review process and local awareness, and complete follow-up on Planning Advisory on Regional Impact Guidelines distributed in FY 07. Attend local planning board meetings as warranted to provide testimony on regional impact projects.

Hazardous Waste Collection: (Exeter, Stratham, Newfields, East Kingston, Epping)

(Funding: Local Dues)

Coordinate five-town cooperative hazardous waste and electronics collection each year, including

grant application, volunteer and other logistics coordination. Epping was added to the program in 2007.

Legislative Policy Development

(Funding: Local Dues)

Develop and distribute RPC legislative policy priorities for the 2009-2010 Legislative Session.

Information Distribution

(Funding Source: Local; NHDOT; FHWA; OSP)

Newsletters; Website updates; Zoning Amendment Calendar; Other Planning Advisory Memos; Census Distribution; Law Lecture Series; Press Releases

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Atkinson: Circuit rider services; assistance to planning board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance; TBG/TA assistance on Master Plan update, that will include preparation of a new community vision section; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; I-93 CTAP Program implementation, including buildout analysis and open space assessment;

Brentwood: Circuit rider services; TBG/TA assistance to prepare a town-wide build-out analysis; Site Review and Subdivision regulation amendments as necessary and zoning amendments as necessary; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; work with communities, NHDOT and consultants to develop a NH Route 125 study to connect the Kingston segment with the Epping segment.

Danville: Technical assistance as requested; assistance to Planning Board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance; update open space section of Master plan and review senior housing and open space subdivision ordinances to encourage use; update Site Review and Subdivision regulations; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; CART regional transit system implementation; I-93 CTAP Program implementation, including buildout analysis and open space assessment.

East Kingston: Circuit rider services; assistance to planning board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; coordination of Exeter/Stratham/Newfields/East Kingston/Epping household hazardous waste collection; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance.

Epping: Technical assistance as requested; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; coordination of Exeter/Stratham/Newfields/East Kingston/Epping household hazardous waste collection, participation in the Regional Brownfields Phase 1 site assessment program and potential Phase 2 assessment.

Exeter: Technical assistance as requested; assistance with the Implementation sections of Master Plan and related mapping; completion of Epping Road Corridor/Access Management Plan; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; coordination of Exeter/Stratham/Newfields/East Kingston/Epping household hazardous waste collection; TASC volunteer driver program assistance; Exeter transportation committee assistance, participation in the Regional Brownfields site assessment program, participation in the Exeter Station Committee (Downeaster), support with the ERLAC program.

Fremont: Circuit rider planner services to the Planning Board; assistance to planning board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; I-93 CTAP Program implementation including projects including implementation road map, Inclusion housing ordinance, develop a new housing chapter as well as a new master plan section on implementation; support with ERLAC program.

Greenland: Circuit rider planner services; assistance to Planning Board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; transit coordination assistance; preparation of a New Hampshire Route 33 commercial zoning district; assist the conservation commission through the RPC's conservation Commission circuit rider; TASC volunteer driver program assistance.

Hampstead: Technical assistance as requested; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; CART regional transit system implementation; I-93 CTAP Program implementation including the preparation of as requested master plan chapters.

Hampton: Technical assistance as requested; create Master Plan mapping; assistance with Zoning Amendments for the Beach area; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; TASC volunteer driver program assistance; completion of Route 1 Corridor Study and implementation strategy; transit coordination assistance; assistance on the HBAC parking study.

Hampton Falls: Circuit rider services; parcel map updates, as required; assistance to planning board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; continue Route 1 Corridor Study outreach; TASC volunteer driver program assistance.

Kensington: Circuit rider services; assistance to planning board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance.

Kingston: Circuit rider services; assistance with CIP; assistance to planning board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; assistance with NH 125 project implementation;

New Castle: Technical assistance as requested; general transportation planning (MPO); assistance with reviewing and making recommendations regarding the accessory apartment ordinance; assistance with updating the Town's future land use section of the Master Plan.

Newfields: Technical assistance as requested; coordination of Exeter/Stratham/Newfields/East Kingston/Epping household hazardous waste collection; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; assist with Newfields-Newmarket bike shoulders project on NH 108, participation in the Regional Brownfields site assessment program.

Newington: Technical assistance as requested; monitoring of Newington-Dover bridge expansion project; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; GIS assistance as requested; staff support for COAST.

Newton: Circuit rider planner services; assistance to Planning Board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; provide assistance to the local Master Plan committee, provide assistance through TBG funds enacting initiatives developed through the Plan NH design charrette; consultation regarding development of a digital composite tax map.

North Hampton: Circuit rider planner services; assistance with CIP update; assistance to Planning Board in revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Site Review and Subdivision regulations; continue work on the Natural Resources Master Plan chapter; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; complete Route 1 Corridor Study and work with Town on access management strategy and MOU; transit coordination assistance; TE application assistance; TASC volunteer driver program assistance.

Plaistow: Technical assistance as requested; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; assistance with NH 125 project implementation; CART regional transit system implementation; assistance with traffic calming study of portions of NH 121A ; participation in the Regional Brownfields site assessment program; provide assistance regarding Plaistow Commuter Rail (layover and station site assessments; CMAQ application, or other assistance as needed)

Portsmouth: Technical assistance as requested; assistance with Greater Portsmouth TMA; assistance with implementing and funding city traffic model/subarea model development; complete Route 1 Corridor Study; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; completion of Portsmouth-Manchester intercity bus feasibility study; work with the community to update the local hazard mitigation plan; member of the Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee, participation in the Regional Brownfields site assessment program.

Rye: Technical assistance as requested; Pioneer Road Bike Path Implementation; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; complete Route 1 Corridor Study; Rye Beach District: assistance in updating subdivision and site plan review regulations; guidance in establishing Conservation Commission for the District; TASC volunteer driver program assistance; Safe Route to school technical assistance, participation in the Inclusionary Housing Development program.

Salem: (NON-MEMBER)¹

Sandown: Technical assistance as requested; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; CART regional transit system implementation; I-93 CTAP Program implementation; possible assistance regarding regional and local housing needs assessment, provide assistance in preparing a wetlands ordinance for the Town.

Seabrook: Technical assistance as requested; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; complete Route 1 Corridor Study; Transit Coordination Assistance; traffic impact review for developments as requested; TASC volunteer driver program assistance; prepare an adaptation planning project for areas of Town that experience repeated storm water inundation.

South Hampton: Technical assistance as requested; review of development plans as requested; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; develop a natural hazards mitigation plan.

Stratham: Technical assistance as requested; coordination of Exeter/Stratham/Newfields/East Kingston/Epping household hazardous waste collection; general transportation planning (MPO) assistance;; transit coordination assistance; tax map update; TASC volunteer driver program assistance; assist the planning board in the preparation of a form based zoning code for the recently established Gateway Commercial Business District.

Windham: Technical assistance as requested; administration of Wall Street/Route 111 Study: general transportation planning (MPO) assistance; CART regional transit system implementation; I-93 CTAP Program implementation, including the completion of buildout analysis and preparation of an open space plan; revisions/edits to Recreation Master Plan as requested.

¹ Since 2006 Salem has been a non-dues paying community. While the Town continues to withhold dues support for the Commission, it continues to benefit from a number of the Commission's regional transportation planning activities, including most notably: CART regional transit system implementation; assistance with SE-TRIP TMA development; I-93 Commuter Bus expansion and I-93 CTAP Program implementation, including buildout analysis, open space planning assessment, and local discretionary grant administration. 80% of the cost of these activities are funded through the MPO transportation planning process; the Town's unpaid obligation for its share of MPO services is approximately \$10,100 and is paid for by the other 26 member communities.

ACRONYMS

APA:	American Planning Association
ADA:	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
BFA:	Business Finance Administration
CAAA:	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
CAP:	Community Action Program
CART:	Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transit
CDBG:	Community Development Block Grant
CDFA:	Community Development Finance Authority
CEDS:	Community Economic Development Strategy
CFR:	Code of Federal Regulations
CIP:	Capital Improvement Program
CLF:	Conservation Law Foundation
CMAQ:	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality-funding program set up under ISTEA to fund transportation projects which improve air quality.
COAST:	Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation
CR:	Circuit Rider
CSD:	Context Sensitive Design
CSS:	Context Sensitive Solutions
CTPP:	Census Transportation Planning Package
CZM:	Coastal Zone Management
DBE/WBE:	Disadvantaged Business Enterprises/Women's Business Enterprises
DES:	NH Department of Environmental Services
DRED:	Department of Resources and Economic Development
EMS:	Emergency Medical Services
EIS:	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA:	Environmental Protection Agency
FEMA:	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHA:	Federal Housing Authority
FHWA:	Federal Highway Administration
FMHA:	Farmers Home Administration
FTA:	Federal Transit Administration, USDOT
FY:	Fiscal Year (i.e. FY'88)
GIS:	Geographic Information System
HPMS:	Highway Performance Monitoring System
HPR:	Highway Planning and Research Funds
HUD:	Department of Housing and Urban Development
IGR:	Intergovernmental Review Process requiring Commission review and comment on Federally-funded projects in the region.
ITS:	Intelligent Transportation System
LCHIP	Land and Community Heritage Investment Program
MP:	Master Plan
MPO:	Metropolitan Planning Organization-federally mandated organizations which carry out transportation planning in urbanized areas
MSA:	Metropolitan Statistical Area
NACo:	National Association of Counties
NARC:	National Association of Regional Councils
NEARC:	New England Association of Regional Councils
NEMO:	Non-point Education for Municipal Officials
NEPA:	National Environmental Policy Act
NFIP:	National Flood Insurance Program
NHARPC:	New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions

NHDES: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
 NHDOT: New Hampshire Department of Transportation
 NHEP: New Hampshire Estuaries Project
 NHHFA: New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority
 NHARPC: New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions
 NHPA: New Hampshire Planners Association
 NHMA: New Hampshire Municipal Association
 NHOEM: New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management
 NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 NROC: Natural Resources Outreach Program
 OEDP: Overall Economic Development Program
 OEP: New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning
 OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health Association
 PAS: Planners Advisory Service. A service provided by APA to assist with specific planning problems.
 PDA: Pease Development Authority
 PIP: Public Involvement Process
 PL: MPO Planning Funds administered by FHWA
 PUD: Planned Unit Development
 REPP: Regional Environmental Planning Program
 RCCD: Rockingham County Conservation District
 REC: Rockingham Economic Corporation (formerly called Rockingham County OEDP Committee)
 RPC: Rockingham Planning Commission
 RSA: Revised Statutes Annotated
 RTAP: Rural Technical Assistance Program
 SABR: Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes
 SAC: Special Advisory Committee on Transportation Needs for the Elderly & Disabled
 SAFETEA-LU: Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users
 SCS: Soil Conservation Service
 SIP: State Implementation Plan (for Air Quality Conformity)
 SPR: State Planning and Research
 SPNHF: Society for the Protection of NH Forests
 SRPC: Strafford Regional Planning Commission
 SRRDD: Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District (53-B)
 SRSWD: Southeast Regional Solid Waste District (149-M)
 TA: Technical Assistance
 TAC: Technical Advisory Committee
 TASC: Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens
 TAZ: Traffic Analysis Zone
 TBG: Targeted Block Grant
 TCM: Transportation Control Measure
 TDM: Transportation Demand Management (a type of TCM)
 TE: Transportation Enhancement
 TIP: Transportation Improvement Program -annual list of prioritized federally funded transportation projects
 TMA: Transportation Management Assistance
 TNHL: Trust for New Hampshire Lands
 TPC: Transportation Policy Committee
 UPWP: Unified Planning Work Program-for MPO transportation planning program
 USDA: United States Department of Agriculture
 USGS: United States Geological Survey
 UZA: Urbanized Area

WSPCD: Water Supply and Pollution Control Division of DES

"208": Section of Clean Water Act under which EPA funded water quality management planning process (no longer active)

"205-J": Section of Clean Water Act under which EPA funded groundwater management planning process (no longer active)

"604-B": Section of Clean Water Act under which EPA currently funds water quality management activities.