

**Proposed Amendments to the
Locally Coordinated Public Transit & Human Service Transportation Plan
For the Southeast New Hampshire Region**

The SAFETEA-LU mandated *Locally Coordinated Public Transit/Human Service Transportation Plan* for the Southeast NH Region was adopted in 2007. Since adoption of that Plan, the Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT), designated as the Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (RCC) for the Southeast NH region, has completed further strategic planning, identifying several additional project priorities to coordinate and expand access to transportation in the region. ACT proposes to amend the existing Plan with this new project information to support a pending application for funding under the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Section 5310 Purchase of Service grant program. ACT, the Rockingham Planning Commission, and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission anticipate that the Plan will be comprehensively updated through the regional planning agencies in 2011.

What follows are the recommended amendments to the Plan identified by the ACT Executive Committee and the full Membership of ACT:

1. Update Section 5.0 (Profile of Existing Services) to identify changes in the regional transportation providers:
 - Add “livery services”, in addition to Taxi Cabs
 - Under “Human Service Providers”:
 - Delete “Compass Care”, “Seacoast Mental Health Center”, “Portsmouth Senior Citizens Center”
 - Add “Wentworth Connections”, which has taken over the operations/functions of both “Compass Care” and the “Portsmouth Senior Citizens Center”.
2. Update Section 8.2 (Recommendations). Under “Short-Term Recommendations and Action Plan”, add:
 - Geographical expansion of service based on the “service gap” analysis conducted by ACT’s Program Development Committee and approved by ACT members. This analysis, which combined the transportation resources available to each community with demographic information to arrive at prioritization of regional transportation need. The areas with the highest ranking included the five rural towns north of Rochester/Farmington; Rollinsford and west/central Strafford County; and south/central Rockingham County, including the southern Seacoast.
 - Support the delivery of services by using idle hours of publicly-funded vehicles.
 - Improve access to health care through local Community Health Centers and home health care providers.
 - Support expanded ADA paratransit services.