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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT & HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE GREATER DERRY-SALEM REGION

The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) and Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) are updating the 2011 Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan for the ten-town Greater Derry-Salem region. Communities covered by this plan include: Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown and Windham.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires development of this plan as a condition for access to funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 program, designed to expand transportation access for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

The Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan includes: 1) an assessment of transportation needs in the region; 2) an inventory of currently available transportation services; 3) strategies to address gaps in services; and 4) recommendations to expand access and improve efficiency through coordination.

The draft plan is available on the Rockingham Planning Commission website (<u>www.rpc-nh.org</u>). Copies can be sent to interested parties upon request.

The Public Comment period begins on <u>June 29, 2016</u> for ten business days. The public is encouraged to offer comments on the plan prior to the close of business (5:00 PM) on <u>July 13, 2016</u>. Two public hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2016:

- 3:00pm at the Derry Municipal Center, Room 207, at 14 Manning Street
- 7:00pm at Portsmouth Public Library, Levenson Room, at 175 Parrott Avenue

Comments can be submitted via mail or email to the following:

Rockingham Planning Commission 156 Water Street Exeter, NH 03833

Email: transportation@rpc-nh.org with Derry-Salem Transit Plan in the subject line

For more information please contact Scott Bogle at Rockingham Planning Commission at (603) 778-0885.