



## Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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RE: SNHPC Information and Activities

SNHPC has a number of activities your community may be interested in. Details can be found on our website, [www.snhpc.org](http://www.snhpc.org). We write to bring to your attention the following.

- ***Easterseals NH:*** At the May 22, 2018 MPO meeting, Mr. Fred Roberge, Vice President of Easterseals NH, discussed the services his organization provides and how the longstanding partnership between the SNHPC and Easterseals has benefitted the region. ESNH provides demand response transportation services for elderly and disabled residents throughout the region, and operates a regional call center allowing all agencies serving seniors and people with disabilities to call in transportation requests. Additionally, under a contract with the Greater Derry-Salem Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation (CART), Easter Seals is the operator of all of CART's services.
- ***National Association of Regional Councils Update:*** Also during the May MPO meeting, Eric Zimmermann from NARC spoke about some of the items NARC has been engaged in, including a significant bump in funding for transportation projects through the appropriations process and the upcoming challenge of a new transportation bill, how to pay for it, and what it could mean for transportation planning.
- ***Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:*** At the May Commission meeting, SNHPC's Cam Prolman discussed work completed for the most recent CEDS, involving the SNHPC communities of Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, New Boston and Weare as well as 20 communities in the Central NH RPC region. The latest CEDS update includes the City of Manchester, one of the region's most important economic assets. He explained this is a crucial prerequisite for the region to be designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District (EDD). This is a key benefit: the EDD designation enables municipalities and counties to qualify for EDA funding under EDA's current public works, economic adjustment and planning grant programs.

The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester and the towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Weare and Windham. The region encompasses portions of Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham counties. Executive Order Number Fifteen, issued by former Governor Walter Peterson, delineated the SNHPC region. SNHPC promotes coordination between planning boards and local officials; intergovernmental cooperation; and coordinated development of the region.