

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NHDOT) RESOURCES FOR PLANNING FOR GROWTH

1. **CTAP:** NHDOT committed to funding a five year comprehensive Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) to support the region of 26 towns and cities that are in the area influenced by the reconstruction of I-93.
2. **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** NHDOT teams with Regional Planning Commissions (RPC's) to provide technical assistance to municipalities on issues involving transportation systems and land use. At the request of the municipality, teams visit the community to help define the problems and potential solutions.
3. **STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH (SPR):** NHDOT provides Federal and State funding for special studies for planning. These studies often include corridor studies and development of access management plans on transportation corridors in communities and regions to plan for future improvements and developments.
4. **FUNDING PROGRAMS:** NHDOT and FHWA provide several programs for funding improvements to the local transportation system. Funding for FHWA programs must go through NHDOT planning process and are granted by formula to the State DOT. The FHWA programs include Transportation Enhancement (TE), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Bridge Aid, and Surface Transportation Program – Urban. The State funded programs include State Aid Bridge (SAB), State Aid Highway (SAH), Block Grant Aid (BGA). The process for applying for these funds allows for both emergency situations as well as planning for future projects in a community's Master Plan or Capital Improvement Program. The projects include sidewalks, bike paths, intersection improvements, park-and-ride lots, new transit services, and reconstruction of bridges and roads.
5. **ACCESS MANAGEMENT:** NHDOT and Regional Planning Commissions (RPC's) provide training resources to communities on access management. Municipalities can execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NHDOT regarding coordination of drive permits associated with developments that are under review in the local planning process.
6. **CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS (CSS):** NHDOT uses the context sensitive solutions process in defining problems and their solutions on the transportation system. The process can result in short-term improvements or Ten Year Plan transportation projects. Inherent in the process is working with the communities to understand their goals for future land use and the relationship to the transportation system.
7. **LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LTAP):** FHWA and NHDOT fund the LTAP program that is provided by the Technology Transfer Center (T2C) at the University of New Hampshire. The LTAP program provides training programs for local officials responsible for transportation systems, asset management programs, and technical assistance. LTAP will be providing the LTAP Exchange, a GIS-based comprehensive asset management system. LTAP provides support to the Public Works Mutual Aid program and the New Hampshire Public Works and Engineers Association.
8. **ASSET INFORMATION:** NHDOT makes available to communities information including: aerial images of towns available June 2006, route logs of local roads, maps of the entire transportation system within a municipality, bridge inspection reports summarizing the condition of locally owned bridges, and crash data mapping.

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