

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

A STATE DOT'S PERSPECTIVE

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WHAT IS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TO US?

The statewide transportation planning process is a forum through which transportation decisions are made. States are required to conduct continuing, comprehensive and collaborative intermodal statewide transportation planning that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods in all areas of the state.

HOW DO WE REACH OUT TO DO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

- ž State DOT's are involved in a number of levels of Transportation Planning. In NH this includes:
 - Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Ten Year Plan
 - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
 - Project Development
 - Community Assistance
 - Corridor Studies

HOW DO WE REACH OUT TO DO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

- ž Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Outlines the strategic direction of the DOT
 - Promotes safety, preservation and maintenance, linking land use and transportation across all modes of transportation
 - Identifies a number of initiatives that are very important to ensure the Plan succeeds
 - Developed in cooperation with the Citizen's Advisory Committee, RPC's, the public and others

HOW DO WE REACH OUT TO DO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

ž Ten Year Plan

- Project listing of the transportation investments to be made in the State for the next ten years
- Supports the goals and visions of the Long Range Transportation Plan
- Continued input from RPC's, DOT, the Public, GACIT, Governor and Legislature

HOW DO WE REACH OUT TO DO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

- ž Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
 - Federally approved project listing of the transportation investments to be made in the State for the next four years
 - Based on the approved Ten Year Plan
 - Supports the goals and visions of the Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Input and approval from MPOs and RPC's, DOT, the Public and Federal Agencies

HOW DO WE REACH OUT TO DO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

ž Project Development

- Opportunity for Public Involvement
- Context Sensitive Solutions

ž Community Assistance

- Department responds to municipal requests for assistance in developing solutions to local transportation issues
- May result in local or state recommendations and solutions

HOW DO WE REACH OUT TO DO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

ž Corridor Studies

– Major Corridor Management

- New Initiative proposed as part of the Ten Year Plan
- Focusing on “Tier 1” Routes within State

– SPR Special Studies

- Corridor Protection
- Developing Land Use and Access Management Principles
- Regional Safety Plans

HOW ARE THESE PLANNING EFFORTS FUNDED?

- ž Primarily through Federal Highway funding
 - SPR Program
 - UPWP Contracts with RPCs
 - SPR Corridor Studies
 - Federal Aid Project Funds
 - CSS Efforts and Preliminary Design Work
 - Normal Project Funding sources and earmarks

WHAT DOES TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REALLY MEAN TO NHDOT?

- ž Effective Transportation Planning allows for all interested parties to have a say in the transportation decisions that are made
- ž Identification of environmental, financial, engineering, and public support items that may impact or assist making effective transportation decisions