

**Southern New Hampshire Rail Trail Alliance**

I-93 Salem to Concord Bikeway – TE Application – September 2009

**3. Plan Support (10 points):**

Yes: Conformance with Goals and Policies of Municipal Master plans.

Yes: Conformance with Goals and Policies of Natural Resource plans.

Yes: Conformance with Regional land Use Plans.

Yes: Conformance with planning strategies in local, regional and statewide plans.

Document	Agency	Relationship
Salem to Concord Bikeway Feasibility Study 2003	NH DOT	The purpose of the study is to identify a feasible alternative transportation corridor (facility) for pedestrians and bicyclists between Salem and Concord. This facility would provide for non-motorized travel within and between communities along the Interstate 93 (I-93) corridor between Salem and Concord. In an effort to reduce the dependence on motor vehicle trips on I-93 and other roadways, this alternate corridor (facility) should encourage and provide a transportation link for both work and non-work related trips, and be desirable for a wide range of bicyclists and pedestrians.
NH Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan May 2000	NH DOT	The project provides an alternative to motorized transportation as outlined in the DOT Goal. The project meets the standards of Appendix B Bicycle Planning Criteria. The project meets other concerns and standards as outlined in the Plan.
NH State Trails Plan May 2005	NH DOT	The project does not interfere with possible State future uses. The project provides improvements, as referred to as, the State owned Section 11 Manchester to Lawrence branch providing continuity from Salem to Windham through an area with a high population.
Salem Master Plan	Town of Salem	<p>Transportation Recommendations: The Town should develop and submit to the Salem-Plaistow-Windham MPO a specific list of needed transportation improvements eligible for federal funding, including highway, pedestrian, bicycle and other facilities, for consideration during the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development cycle Pursue the development of a pedestrian and bicycle facility on the former B&amp;M rail line that parallels NH 28 through Salem. Reduce the need for roadway construction by developing viable alternatives that reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled and reliance on the automobile as a mode of travel.</p> <p>Recreation Recommendations: To create greenways, trails, and bikeways. Construct new sidewalks to provide safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to existing and future school and park sites.</p> <p>Develop a program to preserve existing walking trails and create new trails where possible. Develop a greenway plan for linking the various parks and open spaces in the Town.</p> <p>Natural Resources Section: Provide connections between protected open spaces within Salem, and linkages to regional greenways</p>
Salem Transportation Program	Town of Salem	Transportation requires a multi-dimensional perspective. The Town of Salem views transportation as a system that incorporates Technology, Transit and Capacity. Through the Intelligent Transportation Projects the Town is moving ahead with technology initiatives that are ahead of the curve. The Salem region is the only urbanized area in the State of New Hampshire without a fixed transit system. With SE-TRIP and CART we are setting the stage to address this clear need. Last but not least the State of New Hampshire has taken the lead on the widening of I-93 and the Route 111 bypass projects. Combined with local efforts such as the Route 97/ Route 28 intersection known as the Depot, Salem is taking part in developing integrated traffic circulation improvements. The Salem Transportation Program is a policy established through the Board of Selectmen and Community Development Office. The Town is in the process of installing an ITS system to coordinated traffic lights and implement the first phase of the "Technology" . The Transit component is integrally linked to the Bicycle and Pedestrian project as the planning has been coordinated between transit and Bike-ped. The Town has completed a transit study for the Salem Derry area and has linked that analysis to the Salem to Concord Bikeway toward establishing direct connections between Transit and Bike Ped.

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CTAP Goals	NH DOT	Subtheme 4 Goals and Outcomes: Goals and Outcomes <i>Goals</i> • Promote safe, efficient, accessible, and diverse multi-modal transportation solutions for services and goods. <i>Outcomes</i> • Mobile, reliable, safe and diverse transportation systems for delivery of services, goods, and people. item 5: 5. <i>Promoting bicycle and pedestrian paths, inner-city and intra-city transit options, and park and ride systems into new town master plans</i> , including working with regional planning commissions and local governments to connect transportation and land-use in and across local master plans and projects, educating stakeholders on how to implement "transit-oriented development," raising public awareness about and involvement in alternative transit, creating incentives to improve coordination between transportation planning and land-use at the local level, and promoting and planning multi-modal transportation and land-use options.
I-93 FEIS Document	NH DOT	Section 11 Project Commitments 5. NHDOT will continue to work with regional and local officials to implement the recommendations of the Salem to Concord Bikeway Feasibility Study in lieu of in-corridor bicycle facilities. Paved shoulders along intersecting side roads are proposed for shared use bicycle lanes. Providing suitable accessibility for bicycle users through interchange areas will be considered in more detail during final design.
The Town We Want March 2001	Town of Derry	Circulation Goal: Strengthen pedestrian and bicycle access through continued support and development of such efforts as the Pathways bike and trail system. Open Space and Recreation Goal: Complete and expand pathways in Derry
Derry Our Town-Our Future Community Profile Report April 2009	Town of Derry UNH Cooperative Extension	The following are sections from the report and statements made during the community participation focused event. Section "The Vision What do we want Derry to be like in the future? : Bicycle friendly transportation system. Section Community Service, Facilities and Utilities – Visions for the Future: Expand Bike Path. Section Recreation and Cultural Heritage - Community Strengthens: Active rail trail in development. Section Recreation and Cultural Heritage – Vision for the Future: Finish the rail trail.
Windham Master Plan 2005	Town of Windham	Multiple references throughout the plan to expansion and continued use of bicycle and pedestrian corridors. Goal LU-5: Encourage development to incorporate public transportation and pedestrian access and mobility, especially at the new Exit 3 area. Goal NROS 2: Provide an integrated network of open space areas and recreation facilities., Support regional open space initiatives, Ensure protection of wildlife corridors and habitats. NROS-2.12 Continue to implement a multi-purpose trail system (walking, biking) that links the village area with water bodies and high value natural resource areas and other areas in the community trail system including the public schools and other large town-owned lands. RC-1.6 Continue to support the public's enjoyment of the Rockingham Rail Trail pedestrian /bicycle/equestrian corridor and improvements to it. Work with NH DOT and DRED to connect rail trail with rail corridor west of I-93 as part of widening project. RC-2.1 Create and install signage at all trail areas. Improve visibility of entrances and parking areas. Provide brochure w/map and description of trails, conservation lands, and pathways. RC-2.3 Explore the development of walking trails and programs for all ages TC-4.2 Coordinate regional traffic issues with Derry, Salem, Pelham, Hudson, and Londonderry through the Rockingham Planning Commission or a new sub- regional task force of Town leaders. TC-5.5 Continue to seek state and private funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Pursue federal funding through the reauthorized TEA-21 and Clean Air Act Amendments. TC-5.6 Develop and distribute informational materials throughout the Town to educate and motivate residents about transportation alternatives to the automobile. TC-5.7 Work with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to preserve the utility of existing rail rights of way. TC-5.8 Establish a local advisory committee to evaluate the potential use of rail beds. TC-5.9 Continue to support the public's enjoyment of the Rockingham Rail Trail, and improvement of the trail as a pedestrian/bicycle/equestrian corridor. Work with NH DOT and DRED to connect rail trail with rail corridor west of I-93 as part of widening project. TC-5.10 Continue to support the development of the Lowell Road bike lanes and work to establish connections to and from Lowell Road to build a network of bicycle lanes.