

Southern New Hampshire Rail Trail Alliance

The I-93 Salem to Concord Bikeway- For everyone, everyday

Press Release

Three Town SNHRTA Awarded over 1.2 million in TE Funds

The Southern New Hampshire Rail Trail Alliance (SNHRTA) is pleased to announce the preliminary notification that we have sufficiently scored high enough in the Statewide ratings to receive an award from the Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program through New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and Federal Highway in the amount of \$1,272,000.00. The funds are divided among the three communities, represented by SNHRTA, to establish key connections for each community facilitating a ten-mile uninterrupted section of the Salem to Concord rail trail linking Salem through Windham to downtown Derry. The SNHRTA is comprised of two members from each of the following organizations; the Derry Rail Trail Alliance, Salem Bike-Ped Corridor Committee, and the Windham Rail Trail Alliance. The SNHRTA was formed with



the understanding that a cohesive approach to implementation of the Salem to Concord Bikeway will facilitate a more rapid, efficient, and comprehensive outcome with longer term solutions. In the eyes of SNHRTA, this project represents grassroots volunteer implementation in concert with state and local governments. Located along the Manchester and Lawrence (M&L) line between Route I-93 and Route 28, the Salem, Windham and Derry sections of the Salem to Concord Bikeway Plan represents a clear vision and opportunity for connecting an area with an excess of 70,000 person population. In Salem alone there are 4,800 households and 6 million square feet of commercial within ¼ mile of the trail. The SNHRTA applauds the NHDOT commitment as evidenced by their initiative of the 2003 Salem to Concord Bikeway plan and the construction of bridges along the route. The award of this TE grant is an added sign that NHDOT is committed to intermodal opportunities and grassroots organizations such as the SNHRTA. With this grant the work of the SNHRTA in Derry, Salem and Windham has and will continue to move planning to implementation. There will be several months before the specific implementation schedule is released as the project will move through the contracting stages with NHDOT. For additional information on this project please view the SNHRTA website at: SNHRTA.org, and look for the 2010 SNHRTA

Brochure. Or look at the individual alliance member websites at: derryrailtrail.org for the Derry Rail Trail Alliance, bwanh.org/sbpc for the Salem Bike-Ped Committee, and windhamrailtrail.org for the Windham Rail Trail Alliance. Future information on project management and progress will be listed on the Salem Community Development project website at saalemnhprojects.org under Community Development and SNHRTA Bike Ped.

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