

Resource Guide for Increasing Transportation Options

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Do you want more transportation options in your community?

• Boost the economy:

- Retail sales increased 49% near protected bicycle lanes in NYC compared to 3 percent in the rest of the borough.
- Retail properties with a Walk Score™ of 80 are valued 54% higher than those with a Walk Score™ of 20, and they have 42% higher net operating income.

AARP Livability Fact Sheets:

<http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/documents-2014/LivabilityFactSheets/Bicycling-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

<http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/documents-2014/LivabilityFactSheets/Economic-Development-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

<http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/livable-communities-fact-sheet-series.html>

• Attract millennials:

- 4% fewer 35 to 44 year olds in NH in 2010 than there were in 2000.
- 16 to 34 year olds in US drove 15% less & biked 27% more in 2009 than in 2001.
- Only 68% of 19 year olds in US had a driver's license in 2012.

Millennials in Motion:

<http://www.uspirg.org/reports/usp/millennials-motion>

• Support aging in place:

- 30% of NH will be over 65 by 2030.
- 87% of people 65+ want to age in place.
- Half of non-drivers > 65 do not leave home most days, mainly due to lack of transportation.

Aging in Place, Stuck Without Options:

<http://t4america.org/docs/SeniorsMobilityCrisis.pdf>

• Support healthy kids:

- 33% of US children and adolescents are overweight or obese.
- Only 13% of US kids walked or biked to school in 2009 compared to 50% in 1969.

- 9% of low income kids miss medical appointments because of transportation.
<http://www.childrenshealthfund.org/content/transportation-barriers-health-care-access>
<http://saferoutespartnership.org/healthy-communities/101/facts>
<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/obesity-prevention-source/obesity-causes/physical-activity-environment/>
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/3/357.full>

- **Increase property values:**

- Houses with above-average levels of walkability command a premium of about \$4,000 to \$34,000 more than homes with average levels of walkability.
- Properties within ½ mile of public transportation performed 41% better than properties farther away.
<http://www.realtor.org/articles/public-transportation-boosts-property-values>
<http://www.bankrate.com/finance/real-estate/public-transportation-affects-home-values.aspx>
http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/documents-2014/Livability_Fact_Sheets/Bicycling-Fact-Sheet.pdf

- **Increase tourism:**

- Economic return on investment study for WOW trail predicts \$1.79 million in annual net new tourism spending.
<http://wowtrail.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2013/03/final-wow-trail-impact-study.pdf>
- Recreational bicycling contributed \$133B to US economy in 2006, providing sustainable growth in rural areas.
Bicycling means business:
[http://www.advocacyadvance.org/site_images/content/Final_Econ_Update\(small\).pdf](http://www.advocacyadvance.org/site_images/content/Final_Econ_Update(small).pdf)
The Active Outdoor Recreation Economy:
<https://outdoorindustry.org/images/researchfiles/RecEconomypublic.pdf>
Bicycling Tourists Are Older, Wealthier, and In Demand:
<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2015/11/30/bicycling-tourists-are-older-wealthier-and-in-demand>

Here are some tools to help you:

- **Start with paint**

- Manchester created its first three bike lanes simply by striping them during already scheduled repaving.
http://www.bikemht.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/new_hampshire_union_leader_20140506_B01_B05.pdf
<https://www.facebook.com/bikemht/photos/a.717614958301643.1073741830.659488194114320/794933317236473/?type=1&theater>
<https://www.facebook.com/bikemht/photos/a.717614958301643.1073741830.659488194114320/972042516192218/?type=3&theater>

- Try temporary tape or paint to create a demonstration project so the community can visualize how it might look.

Keene Complete Streets Demo:

<https://youtu.be/hqbaG-5-ZJY>

For more information, contact Tara Germond Kessler, Planner, City of Keene

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• Mayors' Challenge

- USDOT Program for Safer People and Safer Streets
<https://www.transportation.gov/mayors-challenge>
- Incremental improvements in one or more of these areas:
 - Complete Streets approach
 - Context sensitive designs
 - Identify barriers to safety
 - Progress via maintenance
 - Track bicycle & pedestrian data
 - Improve bicycle & pedestrian laws
 - Educate & enforce proper road use by all users
- Four NH communities have taken up the Mayors' Challenge:
 - Manchester
<https://www.manchesternh.gov/Mayor-and-Aldermen/Mayors-Office/Contact-the-Mayor>
 - Portsmouth
<http://cityofportsmouth.com/mayor/>
 - Keene
<https://www.ci.keene.nh.us/government/mayor>
 - Hanover
http://www.hanovernh.org/Pages/HanoverNH_Manager/index

• Safe Routes to School

- Improve children's safety while walking and bicycling to school.
- Improve the health of our children & community.
- Bring families, neighbors, school officials & community leaders together.
<http://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/toolkit/where-do-i-begin>
<http://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/report/intersection-active-transportation-equity>

• Bicycle Education

- Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire offers:
 - Certified bicycle education courses
 - Bicycling Skills 1-2-3 Youth
 - Safe Routes to School
 - Smart Cycling
 - Group Rides
 - Videos
 - Public service announcements
- Contact Tim Blagden, tim@bwanh.org, 603-410-5848, www.bwanh.org

• Measure traffic stress

- Find the best return on investment for bicycle infrastructure.
- Identify opportunities to connect isolated low-stress street networks.
- Show the impact of proposed changes visually, so everyone can understand.
- Contact Tim Blagden, tim@bwanh.org, 603-410-5848, www.bwanh.org

• Become Bicycle Friendly

- A Bicycle Friendly Community, Business, or University welcomes bicyclists by providing safe accommodations for bicycling and encouraging people to bike for transportation and recreation.
- Concord, Keene and Portsmouth received Bronze awards.
<http://bikeleague.org/bfa>

• Complete your streets

- Design streets to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.
- Many of the ways to create more complete roadways are low cost and fast to implement, yet they have high impact.

Smart Growth America's Complete Streets FAQ:

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets/complete-streets-fundamentals/complete-streets-faq>

- Have questions? Talk to someone who has done it:

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Need help finding funds for your project?

• Federal Highway Surface Transportation Program funds

- Bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects qualify for federal funds as part of the surface transportation authorization, and can be part of the NHDOT Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

<https://www.transportation.gov/fastlane/separating-fact-fiction-bike-ped-project-funding-design-and-environmental-review>

- Ask your Regional Planning Commission for assistance with your project.
 - Click below to find out which region you're in, or ask your municipal planning board.

<http://www.nharpc.org/about-us>

• Air quality funds

- Bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects qualify for federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/cmaq/index.htm>

- CMAQ funds were used for the successful Clipper Connection, COAST's express bus service to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

http://www.coastbus.org/clipper_connection.html

• Safety funds

- Federal Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) funds can be used for bike lanes and bicycle & pedestrian bridges.
- HSIP funds can be used for crosswalks, curb cuts, ramps and many other projects.

- Bicycle & pedestrian data collection and counting equipment are eligible for HSIP funding.
<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/>
- Ask your Regional Planning Commission for assistance with your project.
- **Transportation Alternatives Program**
 - This program funds a wide variety of projects, including recreational trails and safe routes to school.
<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/tap/index.htm>
 - Contact Tom Jameson, NHDOT, tjameson@dot.state.nh.us
 - Ask your Regional Planning Commission for assistance with your project.
- **General information on federal funding sources**
 - This chart compares 13 types of USDOT funding. Your Regional Planning Commission can answer your questions about these programs.
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.cfm
 - Advocacy Advance Tools to Increase Biking and Walking
http://www.advocacyadvance.org/site_images/content/Advocacy_Advance_Federal_Funding_Resource_List.pdf
 - Misconceptions about federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/guidance/misconceptions.cfm
- **Recreational Trails Program**
 - <http://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/Trails/grants/recreational-trails-program.aspx>
- **LCHIP: Land & Community Heritage Investment Program**
 - Recreational land purchase
 - Some projects such as boardwalks across sensitive areas might be eligible
<http://www.lchip.org/historic-cultural-resource-pages/lchip-publications-and-documents.asp>
<http://www.lchip.org/content/natural-resource-pages/is-my-project-eligible.asp>
- **USDA funding**
 - Rural transportation improvement
<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>
- **Locally controlled funds**
 - RSA 261:153:VI gives communities the ability to fund transportation projects through an optional, locally-controlled vehicle registration fee.
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXI/261/261-153.htm>

- LSR 2016-2138 raises the cap to \$10, allowing communities to leverage more federal funds to improve active and public transportation.
- Contact Rebecca Harris for more information: RLHarris@TransportNH.org

- **Swap for parking**

- Allow developers to pay fees in lieu of providing the required parking on site.
- Funds can be used for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements that can reduce parking demand.

<http://www.mapc.org/resources/parking-toolkit/strategies-topic/fees-lieu>

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Best of luck with your projects!