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***NEW HAMPSHIRE CELEBRATES COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION THIS OCTOBER***

(Concord, NH | September 21, 2023) The New Hampshire Transit Association (NHTA), along with support and cooperation from the State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC), New Hampshire Mobility Managers Network, and Transport NH have announced that this October they will be celebrating the first annual Community Transportation Month in and across New Hampshire.

In New Hampshire, Community Transportation, also known as public transit or local transportation, refers to a system of publicly or charitably subsidized services and infrastructure designed to provide convenient and affordable transportation options within a specific community or region. This typically includes buses, volunteer drivers, shuttles, vanpools, bicycle & pedestrian networks, and other specialized, on-demand services such as paratransit and non-emergency medical transportation. The goal of community transportation is to ensure that residents have affordable access to essential services, employment opportunities, education, and recreational activities while reducing congestion, pollution, and the reliance on private cars.

NHTA Chair and Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) Executive Director, Rad Nichols, stated, "Community transportation plays a vital role in economic development, educational opportunity, independent living, and healthy, vibrant communities. It is long past time we celebrate the important role community transportation plays in our state."

New Hampshire has a robust system of community transportation that the public is often unaware; especially when they need it most. NHTA seeks to use this month of celebration to shine a light on all types of community transportation that exists in NH. Each week in October will highlight a different type of community transportation. Agencies in New Hampshire that provide community transportation are encouraged to join the month of celebration in whatever way you are able – by sharing stories on social media, holding informational events, and promoting the work their agency does in their respective communities. More information about how to participate in the celebration and who is participating can be found online at [www.commutessmartnh.org/nhcelebratestransit](http://www.commutessmartnh.org/nhcelebratestransit).

October Celebration Schedule:

October 1-7: Fixed Route Public Transit & Week Without Driving Challenge

October 8-14: Volunteer Driver Programs

October 15-21: Demand Response, Paratransit, and Veteran programs

October 22 – 27: Biking, Walking, using other Micromobility Options and Safety

Southern NH Planning Commission Executive Director and long-time community transportation advocate, Sylvia von Aulock, said about the month-long celebration, "Knowing what transportation services exist in New Hampshire is key to caregivers, isolated elders, and the many who cannot drive. I am so excited the NHTA is celebrating community transportation month to help put a spotlight on these essential but often unknown services."

“Community Transportation is vital for a healthy, livable community. Without it, workforce housing, a thriving economy through access to jobs, goods, and services, effective healthcare, cleaner air and water, and positive social determinants of health such as ending social isolation for older adults is out of reach for many Granite Staters. It is critical that we support community transportation and close the gaps in service throughout New Hampshire.” Steve Workman, Director, Transport New Hampshire.

This celebration and acknowledgement also coincides with CommuteSmart NH and CommuteSmart Seacoast’s Buses, Bikes and Brooms Commuter Challenge throughout the month of October and the National Week Without Driving Challenge, October 2-8. More information about each of these and other events can be found on the NH Celebrates Community Transportation calendar of events.



**New Hampshire  
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**About NH Transit Association (NHTA)**

*The mission of the NHTA is to provide information, education, and support to transportation providers in New Hampshire and improve access to mobility for our citizens.*



**About State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC) & the New Hampshire Mobility Managers Network**

*Created by NH law, the State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation was created to coordinate and align state agencies, community planning, stakeholders, and transportation service delivery to increase affordable, reliable, and efficient transportation for all Granite Staters. The NH Mobility Management Network is an extension of the SCC and Regional Coordination Councils and is comprised of one state and eight regional mobility managers who help Granite Staters access the transportation services they need.*



**About Transport NH (TNH)**Transport New Hampshire works in the space between government, providers, and stakeholders to advocate and support transportation broadly while focusing on community transportation, walking and biking. It does this through innovation, strategic planning, project

implementation and elevating the voice of Granite Staters. The work of TNH is guided by the philosophy of mobility management and the principles of the Federal Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM).