

2025-2034 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

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Introduction

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North Country Council Regional Planning Commission (“the Council”) is one of nine regional planning commissions (RPCs) in New Hampshire established by RSA 36. The Council’s planning region consists of 50 communities and 25 unincorporated places in the northern third of New Hampshire. The Council serves in an advisory and support role to the region’s communities in the areas of transportation, community planning, economic development, and environmental protection.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Every two years, the Council prepares a **Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**. The **RTIP** for State Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-2034 consists of regionally significant programmed and proposed transportation projects for the North Country Council planning region. The RTIP supplements the Council’s 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by listing programmed and proposed projects that support the transportation-related priorities for the region.

The RTIP is not intended to be an all-encompassing list of transportation projects in North Country Council’s planning region. The RTIP is focused on projects and funding sources for which the Council is asked to weigh in by NH DOT, such as the TYP and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which funds bicycle and pedestrian projects. Types of transportation projects that are not included in the RTIP include locally-funded projects, standard maintenance projects on state-maintained roadways and bridges, transit-related projects, and rail projects. The development of the **RTIP** is a collaborative and iterative process that involves local communities, North Country Council, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT), and North Country Council’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

NHDOT Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TYP)

NHDOT’s **Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TYP)**, also known as the “Ten Year Plan,” is updated biennially and includes all of NH DOT’s programmed projects over a ten-year planning horizon. The NHDOT is required by RSA 228:99 and RSA 240 to propose a plan for improvements to the state’s transportation system. TYP project eligibility is based on the functional classification of roadways. Projects must be located on roads that are classified as Highways, Arterials, and Collectors in order to be eligible for federal funding through the TYP. Projects located on local roads may be eligible for specific types of funding through the TYP.

The biennial TYP update process includes requesting regional priorities from the State’s regional planning commissions (RPCs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). These priorities are submitted to NHDOT by North Country Council in the form of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). As part of this process, each RPC and MPO is given a regional funding allocation for new TYP projects. The funding allocation is formula-based using the resident population of each RPC/MPO planning region and the total lane miles of federal-aid eligible roadways. For the FY 2025-2034 TYP, North Country Council’s planning region was allocated \$7.18 million for new TYP projects out of a statewide funding pool of \$60 million.

Once the regional priorities are received from the RPCs and MPOs, NH DOT prepares the draft TYP for the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Intermodal

Transportation (GACIT). GACIT consists of the five members of New Hampshire’s Executive Council. GACIT, in coordination with NHDOT and the regional planning commissions (RPCs), performs public hearings on the draft TYP around the state before submitting a revised draft TYP to the Governor. The Governor

Funded Projects

Project ID	Community	Route	Description	Timeline	Cost	Category	Tier
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40652	Colebrook	Bear Rock Road	Bridge replacement	Construction 2023	\$ 517,946	Bridges	Tier 5
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43441	Columbia	US 3	Culvert upgrades	Construction 2024	\$ 908,056	Individual Projects	Tier 2
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13602C	Jefferson/Randolph	US 2	Road improvements from NH 115 to townline	Construction 2024	\$ 16,745,736	Individual Projects	Tier 2
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42558	Jefferson	US 2	Bridge Replacement	Construction 2023	\$ 2,936,397	Red List Bridges	Tier 2
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40551	Shelburne	North Road	Bridge rehabilitation	Construction 2026	\$ 5,026,611	Bridges	Tier 4
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Pending Projects

A total of ten (10) projects were submitted from regional communities through the 2025-2034 TYP project solicitation process. Eight (8) projects were deemed eligible and were reviewed and ranked by NCC staff. The top four (4) scoring projects were approved by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to receive engineering scoping. NCC Staff then submitted the top four (4) projects with supporting materials to NHDOT for consideration.

- May 6, 2022 – Solicitation Period Opens

- July 1, 2022 – Solicitation Period Ends
- September 7, 2022 – Project Criteria Weights and Rankings Finalized by NCC Staff
- September 16, 2022 – TAC Members approve Preliminary Rankings of submitted Project Proposals
- October 21, 2022 – Finalization of Task Orders with contracted Engineer and beginning of Project engineering
- November 8, 2022 – Submittal of four (4) Scoping Memos to NCC from on-call engineer
- November 9, 2022 – Meeting with NCC staff and on-call engineer for finalization of Scoping Memos
- November 10, 2022 – Submittal of NCC region TYP Project documents to NHDOT File System

Subsequently, NCC received comments and feedback from NHDOT staff on February 1, 2023. NCC staff presented the NHDOT comments and figures at the TAC meeting on March 7, 2023. At that March 7th meeting, TAC members voted to maintain the initial prioritization of Ten-Year Plan projects for submittal to the Ten-Year Plan. Details on the two pending projects are provided below

Shelburne

Estimated Cost: \$3,812,285

Location: US-2 Adjacent to Reflection Pond and Shadow Pool

Scope of Work: Regrading, raising, and improvement of US-2 to reduce the risk of flooding during large rainfall events.

Gorham

Estimated Cost: \$4,925,185 (80% of total Project Cost)

Location: NH-16 between Lydia’s Golden Touch and Walmart Supercenter

Scope of Work: Installation of bicycle and pedestrian and related roadway infrastructure to improve non-motorized safety along route.

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