

The development and prioritization of projects in the State of New Hampshire is an ongoing effort to address transportation needs at the local, regional, and statewide levels.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, updated every other year, is the result of a complex interactive process.

With the previous Ten Year Plan as a starting point, the process includes input from the local level, development of Transportation Improvement Plans (TIPs) by nine Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs), numerous public hearings by the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT), then review and approval by the Governor and Legislature. Performance measures and conditions such as pavement condition, bridge ratings, congestion levels, accident rates, user surveys and available funding levels are considered in determining project need and prioritizing project implementation.

The flowchart contained within this brochure highlights the major milestone points in the development of the Ten Year Plan. For more information on the Ten Year Plan Process, or a copy of the most recently approved Ten Year Plan, please contact your Regional Planning Commission or the NH Department of Transportation, or visit the world wide web at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/documents.htm> - TYP

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# NEW HAMPSHIRE'S TEN YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROCESS (Ten Year Plan)



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OF TRANSPORTATION

## CYCLE BEGINS

## THE TWO YEAR CYCLE

### Projects are Reviewed

October of Even Years  
(2008, 2010, 2012, etc.)

Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) review projects and evaluate them based on criteria.

### Projects are Regionally Ranked

(November-December of Even Years)

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for each RPC rank projects submitted for consideration within a few broad categories (preservation, maintenance, etc).

### Adoption of Statewide Plan

December – June of Even Years

The Governor reviews the Statewide Ten Year Plan and submits it to the Legislature for consideration and approval. Public Hearings are held and input considered.

### IMPLEMENTATION

After adoption by the Legislature, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) incorporate approved projects into their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the STIP is updated.

### Regional Plans Drafted / Debated

January – April of Odd Years  
(2009, 2011, 2013, etc.)

Early in the new year each RPCs TAC develops and approves a draft of the regional priorities and recommendations for consideration for submission to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT).

### RPC Plan Submitted

May 1 of Odd Years

Each RPC submits its regional priorities and recommendations to NHDOT.

### Draft Statewide Ten Year Plan Prepared

May – December of Odd Years

**May 1 – July 1:** NHDOT prepares the draft Statewide Ten Year Plan, using the information provided by each RPC and others, for submission to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT).

**July 1- December:** GACIT amends the Ten Year Plan after a series of statewide public hearings and forwards it to the Governor.

## CYCLE BEGINS AGAIN