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**PUBLIC HEARINGS SET FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT  
AND CONGESTION MITIGATION FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces two transportation advisory committees will hold public hearings in Concord to review project applications the committees have received for Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs. Municipalities, community groups and state agencies have made applications for these funds.

The Transportation Enhancement public hearing will be held Monday, March 6, 2006 at the NH Department of Transportation, John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive in Concord, beginning at 8:00 am. Following the hearing, the TE Advisory Committee will meet on March 20 at 2:00 pm to make its final project selections.

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality public hearing will be held Friday, March 17, 2006 at the NH Department of Transportation, John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive in Concord, beginning at 9:00 am. Following the hearing, the CMAQ Advisory Committee will meet on March 29 at 2:00 pm at the NHDOT to make its final project selections.

Transportation Enhancement projects can include: facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, landscaping and other scenic beautification, historic preservation, preservation of abandoned railroad corridors, control and removal of outdoor advertising and archaeological planning and research. CMAQ projects can include transit services, traffic management, intersection improvements, sidewalks, trails, employer trip reduction programs and vanpool and carpool programs.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability should contact Bill Boynton at NHDOT, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483. Notification should be no later than five days before each hearing.