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Recognizing the Need to Invest in Transportation

New Hampshire has a new blueprint for transportation improvement projects. The Ten Year Plan signed into law by Governor Chris Sununu is the culmination of extensive data analysis, hard work, and months of collaboration with many stakeholders throughout the state.

The Ten Year Plan process, which runs in two year cycles, begins with local and regional input through the Regional Planning Commissions, continues with a series of public meetings statewide, conducted by the Governor's Advisory Commissioner on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT), and then faces additional review by the Governor and Legislature.

The latest \$3.74 billion plan (2019-2028) is the roadmap for transportation improvements in New Hampshire over the next decade. It is a multimodal plan for roads, bridges, airports, rail, and transit, and a financially constraint document based upon anticipated funding. Areas of strategic emphasis include; pavement preservation, Red List bridges and bridge preservation, the completion of I-93, and rural transportation projects.

In addition to approving the Ten Year Plan, New Hampshire lawmakers also approved \$30 million in additional spending from the State's General Fund for transportation improvements that included, \$20 million for State "Red List" bridge projects, and \$10.4 million for municipal bridge projects.

The \$30 million in General Fund spending for State and local bridges will make a difference. State bridge projects accelerated by this additional funding tentatively include:

- Franconia – NH 118 bridge rehabilitation
- Lebanon – Mascoma St. bridge rehabilitation
- Jackson – NH 16 bridge rehabilitation
- Lebanon – I-89 bridges rehabilitation
- Lyme, NH – Thetford, VT bridge rehabilitation
- Allenstown – NH 28 bridge rehabilitation

Municipal Red List bridges that could be advanced include:

- Manchester – Queen City Bridge over I-293
- Concord – Loudon Road over the Merrimack River

Using surplus General Funds for these projects will free up other revenue to advance additional bridge projects in other parts of the state, further expanding the benefit of these dollars.

All of these transportation improvements are happening because of the Department's ongoing efforts to provide information that demonstrates the need for investment. The Department works closely with key legislative policy committees and regularly makes public presentations on the condition of New Hampshire's transportation system, as well as the benefits of addressing those needs.

Advocating for funding is one thing, but having projects ready and on shelf, so that they can be advanced when money is available is a priority for the Department. We also strive to continue delivering construction projects under-budget, and work to shorten construction durations, so that we reduce construction impacts. These are all reasons why the Legislature and the citizens we serve can have confidence in NHDOT to put available dollars to good use.

The Department's ability to repeatedly and consistently deliver projects has paid off, with the NHDOT earning a high level of credibility among lawmakers. There is also a growing realization and appreciation that our economy and our quality of life depend on a robust transportation network. The approved Ten Year Plan shows that our elected officials and the public truly appreciate the need to maintain and preserve New Hampshire's vital transportation system.



New Ipswich Bridge Project Recognized With Historic Preservation Award

New Hampshire's Oldest Stone Arch Bridge Lives On



It was a \$3.5 million bridge replacement project on NH Routes 123/124 in New Ipswich that kept in place a stone arch bridge built over the Souhegan River in the early 19th Century. The effort by the NHDOT to preserve a piece of New Hampshire history while providing a modern and safe riding structure for today's traffic has been recognized with a "Preservation Achievement Award" from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.

NHDOT Cultural Resources Manager Jill Edelmann nominated the New Ipswich "High Bridge" project under the category of "compatible new construction" to a historic bridge in a historic district. She accepted the "Preservation Achievement Award" on behalf of the NHDOT at a ceremony in May (pictured at left), and shares some historical perspective on the importance of the project.



"In 1817 the uniquely designed stone arch bridge was built over the Souhegan River and has remained for over 200 years. Dry laid stone walls stood 55-feet tall with an arch opening roughly 24-ft. high and 13-ft. wide. It took 132 days to construct at a cost of just under \$2,400, \$100 of which was expensed for rum. Today that would be about \$1,800 in rum! The bridge saw little change until 1957, when along the original 1817 roadbed and over the historic arch the DOT constructed a new bridge consisting of steel beams resting on concrete pedestals. In 2015, the 1957 bridge was no longer adequate. Knowing the historic significance of the stone arch, NHDOT engineers decided the best way to preserve the arch was to completely span over it, which was accomplished using new abutments, 160-foot steel beams, and no rum.

Aside from the actual construction of a new bridge over an existing bridge, other historical constraints in the project area included designing a bridge that was sympathetic in design to the Village of High Bridge historic district, spanning a 1923 jack arch bridge to be used as construction access during construction (and not a local bypass as some locals did), and archaeological concerns.

The end result is the continued preservation of New Hampshire's oldest stone arch bridge, while allowing a modern, safe crossing for generations to come."



A Walk, a Celebration, and Time Put in a Capsule

Ceremony Marks
the Opening of the New Sarah Long Bridge

When you have a bridge project of this size and importance undertaken as a joint venture between two states, it's OK to walk it and savor it for a few hours, even after it's already been open for business for a couple of months.

New Hampshire U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan called the new Long Bridge "a vital link essential to economic vitality and national security. Water...rail...road...it's all interlinked," She said.



That's exactly what happened on June 8th when the new Sarah Long Bridge was closed to traffic and viewed up close and personal by several hundred people who walked and rode bicycles, took pictures on it, and marveled at the structure that required some extra time to complete.

"Building a bridge of this type is no easy feat, and it did take a lot of teamwork and cooperation between the design staff, the construction staff and the New Hampshire and Maine Departments of Transportation," said NHDOT Commissioner Victoria Sheehan.

Commissioner Sheehan joined several speakers in remarks recognizing the work that made the new bridge possible and its vital importance to transportation and the economy in the seacoast region.

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The \$165 million project, which replaced a lift bridge dating back to the early 1940's, connects Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, Maine over the Piscataqua River. It has a larger vertical clearance that will allow for 68% fewer bridge openings, and improves marine navigation by straightening the navigational channel. The movable "hybrid" span lifts up to allow passage of tall vessels and lowers to railroad track level for trains to cross.

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The celebration included many donated items being placed into a time capsule, which the MaineDOT will bury near the bridge, to be opened a century from now. Those items included commemorative coins from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the recent commissioning of the USS Manchester, flags, pins, news articles, and even a collector's edition bottle of whiskey provided by the New Hampshire Liquor Commission.

The general contractor for the project, Cianbro Corporation, of Pittsfield, Maine, put an estimated 650,000 hours of construction work on the bridge.

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Bridging the Gap in the Maintenance History of New Hampshire Bridges

To Assist in Prioritizing Needs and Prudent Investments in Aging Structures

The good news is that the NHDOT has, for the most part, some fairly good records of work done on State bridges over the decades. The challenge is that a lot of these records pre-date the computer age and come in many different forms, everything from old bridge design plans to hand-writing on 3 by 5 index cards.

While ongoing bridge inspection reports accurately detail the current condition of the 2,000+ State bridges, those reports don't include bridge maintenance and repair histories, which could affect decisions regarding which structures should be at the head of the line for much-needed work.

"Think of it as the Yellow Pages versus Google and the availability of information," says David Gaylord, of the NHDOT's AMPS (Assets, Management, Performance and Strategies) Office. "We've always done a good job of maintaining and preserving the State's bridges. Having a computerized database of information will make the job of prioritizing the work much easier."

With the goal of developing a database of historical bridge maintenance information to use in planning future work, as well as better understanding a bridge's life expectancy, a data mining project has recently begun. Under the guidance of a NHDOT engineer, two summer interns have been meticulously

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poring over old project plans and entering information found in those plans into a database.

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For interns Sarah Chase and Trevor Mailhot, both engineering students at Clarkson University, the research has given them an inside look at the evolution of bridge building and preservation in New Hampshire. Their primary focus has been documenting work done on bridge decks. Starting with the most recent project activity, the interns have been entering information for each event into a bridge's history database, and then working back towards the last time the bridge deck was new.

"It's been a challenge at times to figure out the difference between interesting details of a bridge and what's actually important," Trevor says. He's been looking at plans of bridges along I-93, and US Routes 3 and 4.

Sarah Chase has been tracking bridges on I-89, I-95, US 302 and NH 16. She's looking forward to some field work to see first-hand what the work in certain bridge plans actually looks like.

The end results of this project will help NHDOT engineers have the data they need to more accurately determine the proper levels and timing of investments to better extend the lives of New Hampshire's bridges.



Summer interns Sarah Chase (left) and Trevor Mailhot have been working with Chelsea Noyes (Bridge Design) on documenting bridge repairs and maintenance in a computer database.

Transportation Improvements in the Summer of 2018

The NHDOT is overseeing 86 active construction contracts in 2018 with a total cost of \$537.6 million. Here's a look at just some of the activity.

NH 107A Bridge in East Kingston

This project is reconstructing the NH Route 107A bridge over Pan Am Railway. A \$1.6 million project with a September 2018 completion date.



US 302 in Harts Location - Carroll

In addition to the rehabilitation of a culvert under US 302 in Crawford Notch, this project includes rock scaling work on a rock face along the highway. The \$1.7 million project is scheduled to be completed in October 2018.

Paving in Chatham and Gilford

Resurfacing 3 miles of NH 113 in Chatham from the Maine State Line northward, and 2.5 miles of NH 11A in Gilford are part of a 2018 paving program that totals 783 miles of State maintained roads in New Hampshire.



The Rebuilding of I-93

The construction of the southbound bridge over Stonehenge Road and the northbound bridge over Beaver Brook in Londonderry are just two of several locations with active work along the corridor in the area of Exits 4 and 5.

NH 101 in Bedford

A busy 2 mile stretch of NH Route 101 is being reconstructed and widened to include turning lanes and a center median. Continental Paving is the contractor for the \$15 million project.

Emergency Culvert Replacement Work Completed by District 2 Crews in Danbury

The failure of a metal drainage pipe on a state road in Danbury resulted in a quick response by District 2 crews (Bristol #206 and Rumney #203) in May. North Road was closed to traffic for a few days for the replacement of a 48-foot long metal culvert with 42-inch diameter concrete pipe.



NHDOT Safety Plow Rally

District 2 Team Takes Top Honors

They won just one of the individual events (Plow Mount), but the District 2 Team (#224 Patrol Section) of Austin Lyman and Cody Hurley scored well enough in all five to be the overall champions of the 41st annual NHDOT Safety Plow Rally. They took top honors on their “home field”, as the event was hosted by District 2 at Wellington State Park in Alexandria on May 10th.

All Highway Maintenance Bureaus / Districts, Turnpikes, and Mechanical Services were represented by teams of highly qualified contestants. The attendance was estimated at approximately 300 winter maintenance operations personnel, retirees, their families and friends.

NHDOT retirees in attendance included: Maintenance Supervisors Mike Lane (District 3), and Butch Leel (District 4), Mechanical Services Mechanics Ivan Stevens, Bruce Inglis, Anthony Fontaine, and Kenneth

Chase, District Engineers Pam Mitchell (District 5), Doug Graham (District 4), Bud Durling (Traffic TMC), Tony Albert (District 2), Alan Toshack (District 3), and Jim Viar (District 5).

Austin Lyman and Cody Hurley have kept on winning, beating the municipal champs from the

Town of Merrimack in a head-to-head competition on May 24th. Their next challenge will be the Regional Plow Rally held in Massachusetts in September where they will compete against the top teams from other New England states.

Second place overall went to the District 6 Team (PS #601 Milton) of Tim Libby and Zack Routhier. Finishing third overall was the District 4 Team (PS #413 Rindge) consisting of Jon Pratt and Wayne St. Laurent.

Event Winners

Safety Quiz District 5

PS528 Derry
Sean Duda, Driver
Tim Cassin, Assistant

Defective Truck District 4

PS413 Rindge
Jon Pratt, Driver
Wayne St. Laurent, Assistant

Plow Mount District 2

PS224 Enfield
Austin Lyman, Driver
Cody Hurley, Assistant

Wing Slalom Turnpikes

Central
Kyle Potter, Driver
Louie Lemerise, Assistant





Texas Roll

District 5

PS528 Derry

Sean Duda, Driver - Tim Cassin, Assistant

Overall Winning Teams

1st Place - District 2

PS224 Enfield

Austin Lyman, Driver - Cody Hurley, Assistant

2nd Place - District 6

PS601 Milton

Tim Libby, Driver - Zack Routhier, Assistant

3rd Place - District 4

PS413 Rindge

Jon Pratt, Driver - Wayne St. Laurent, Assistant

Logo Design

1st Place- District 6

Rollin Rumford, Warehouse Supervisor

Innovations

1st Place - Ladder Extensions

Turnpikes

Hooksett Maintenance

Designed by: Hooksett Maintenance

Fabricated by: Joe Duchemin / Mark Raymond

Used by: Hooksett Maintenance

2nd Place - Traffic Control Utility Basket

District 3 - PS324 New Hampton

Designed by: Bryan Pease

Fabricated by: Steve Lewis

Used by: NH DOT Highway Maintenance

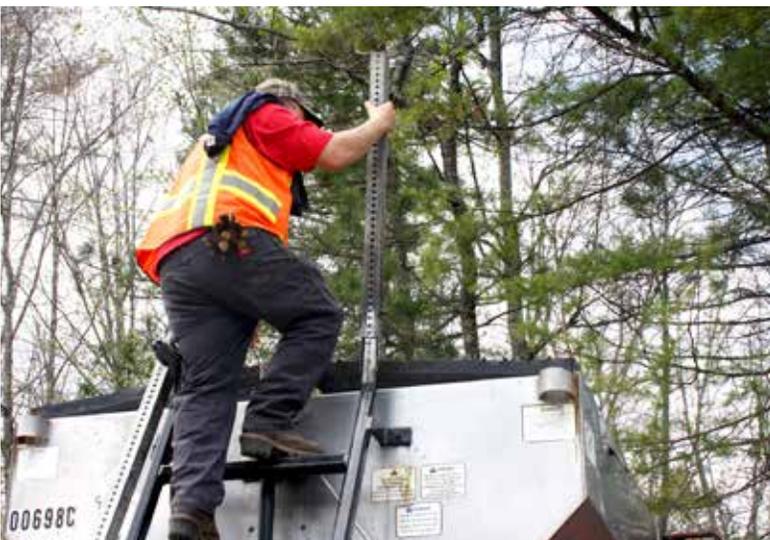
3rd Place - Delineator Extractor

District 5 - PS526 Warner

Designed by: Matt LeBlanc and Brad LaClair

Fabricated by: Matt LeBlanc and Brad LaClair

Used by: PS526 Crew



41ST ANNUAL PLOW RALLY



One of New Hampshire's Longest Bridges Gets a Name

For the past five years, it's been known only as the middle bridge that has carried all motor vehicle traffic on the Spaulding Turnpike over Little Bay between Newington and Dover.

Located between the old General Sullivan Bridge and the rehabilitated Captain John F. Rowe, United States Navy Bridge that will soon carry northbound turnpike traffic, the future bridge for southbound traffic will now be known as the Ruth L. Griffin Bridge. Legislation signed into law by Governor Sununu at a ceremony on June 28th officially named the bridge after the former seacoast region Executive Councilor.

At 1,639 feet long, the Ruth Griffin Bridge is the longest bridge entirely in New Hampshire, and the third longest after the I-95 High Level Bridge and the Sarah Long Bridge. Completed in November 2013, the bridge was the first standalone project in New Hampshire that exceeded \$50 million (\$50.3 million).



Facts and Stats – Ruth L. Griffin Bridge

- 1,639 feet long, 9 spans - The main channel span is 275 ft. long
- 72 ft. wide roadway (four lanes) will ultimately carry over 35,000 vehicles a day
- 6,000,000 million pounds of structural steel
- 10,000 cubic yards of concrete
- 2,000,000 pounds of epoxy-coated reinforcing bar
- 700,000 pounds of solid stainless steel reinforcing bar
- \$6,000,000 temporary trestle for construction access

A Bridge Named After Someone

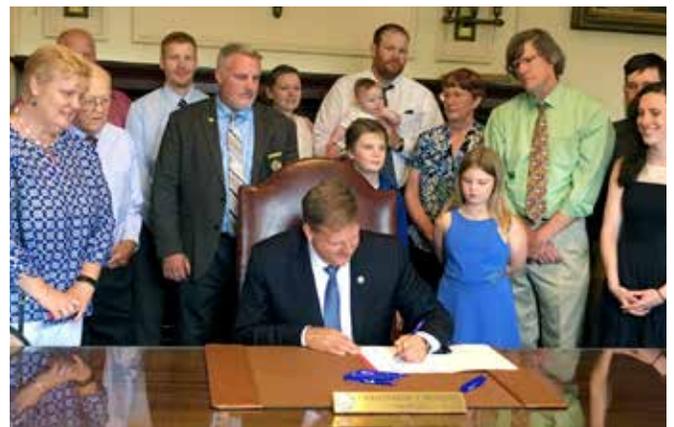
"Who Actually Worked on Bridges"

Concord Bridge over I-393 is the David E. Powelson Bridge

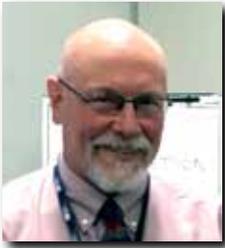
He was a giant of a man who spoke softly, but everyone listened. Dave Powelson was a highly respected expert on New Hampshire bridges. He worked for the NHDOT in the Bureau of Bridge Design for 38 years, mainly as the Chief of Existing Bridge Section.

Dave passed away in September of 2016. In his memory, friends and colleagues worked to have a bridge named in his honor. Senate Bill 399 declared "the bridge on NH 132 (East Side Drive over Interstate 393, US 4, and US 202), informally known as the Grasshopper Bridge, which is bridge number 156-138 in the city of Concord, is hereby named the David E. Powelson Bridge."

On June 21st, Governor Chris Sununu signed the Bill into NH State Law. State Senator Dan Feltes, a co-sponsor of the Bill, said "Typically we name bridges after politicians. Here we are naming a bridge after someone who actually worked on bridges."



NHDOT People



75 Years of Total State Service...

Traffic Bureau Administrator **Bill Lambert** was recognized for 25 years of Service at the June major staff meeting. Mechanical Services Administrator **Bill Dusavitch** (20 years) and Turnpikes Administrator **John Corcoran** (30 years) were recognized for their NHDOT service at the May meeting.



Kevin Prince has celebrated 35 years of service with NHDOT. Currently a Pavement Design Engineer in the Bureau of Materials & Research, Kevin's career has also included time in the Bureaus of Construction and Highway Design.



The Right of Way Bureau's **Paul Coddington** and **Trish Morrison** accepted the "Government Agency of the Year Award" presented to the NHDOT by the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). They are pictured with Assistant Commissioner **Bill Cass** (left).



Dan Riordon, a Heavy Equipment Mechanic in the Mechanical Services Bureau working out of the Turnpikes Dover facility, has marked 30 years of State service.



Tony Eldridge (District 3 - #301 Conway Patrol Section) retired on June 29th with 34 years of State service.



Robin Davis, Assistant Patrol Foreman in District 3's New Hampton #324 Patrol Facility, retired on June 29th with 13 years of State service.



Five NHDOT employees who volunteered to go to Puerto Rico for hurricane response and recovery efforts in the fall of 2017 were recognized for their service by Governor Chris Sununu at the New Hampshire Emergency Preparedness Conference in Manchester on June 5th. They included **Alan Hanscom** (District 3), **Nick King** (TSMO), **Maggie Darcy** (TSMO), **Matt LaBrake** (Planning & Community Assistance), **Sebastian Young** (AMPS) and **Sam Newsom** (Turnpikes).

Service Awards (1st Quarter)

5 Years:

Jonathan E. Minzner - Mechanical Services

Devon S. Reynolds - Bridge Maintenance

Paul M. Lyons - District 1

Gerard R. Bedard - Highway Design

Eric W. Bellemore - District 5

Emily Polychronopoulos - Highway Design

Jeffrey E. York - District 6

Joann McNeal - Turnpikes

10 Years:

Richard T. King - District 5

Ronald D. Guyette - Construction/Engineering Audit

Peter J. Thompson - District 3

John D. Hamilton - District 6

Todd S. Webster - District 1

Corey R. Spetelunas - Highway Design

Gary L. Dossett - Human Resources

Scott M. Magoon - District 5

Eric J. Costello - District 5

Keith G. Whitehill - District 6

15 Years:

Steven A. Benoit - Mechanical Services

Phyllis M. Haley - Turnpikes

John J. Sutherby - Turnpikes

Frank R. Patterson - District 4

Charles E. Blackman - TSMO

Christopher S. Balch - Bridge Maintenance

David G. Rattray - District 4

Tracey K. Adams - Materials & Research

20 Years:

Mark R. Avery - District 2

Jon A. Russell - District 4

Diane D. Lacerte - Turnpikes

Amy K. Mansfield - District 5

Andrew D. Hall - Bridge Maintenance

25 Years:

Russell C. Bell - Traffic

30 Years:

Stephen E. Dickinson - District 1

Richard M. Davis Jr - District 4

Brett S. McCrea - Highway Design

George C. Dionne - District 6

Geoffrey L. Peirce - District 5

Brian J. Cassel - Construction/Engineering Audit

35 Years:

Deborah A. Weil - Finance

Wayne E. Perkins - District 3

Robert J. Irwin IV - Planning & Community Assistance

40 Years:

Barry A. White Sr - Bridge Maintenance

Personnel Updates

New Hires:

Patricia A. Koester - Finance and Contracts
Tracy L. McAllister - Planning & System Dev.
Jesse R. Hatch - District 2, Crew 1
Devin M. Parker - District 4, Crew 10
Robert B. Griffiths - District 2, Crew 15
Edward J. Anderson - District 5, Crew 28
Brian S. Roy - District 2, Crew 3
Nathan H. Putnam - District 4, Crew 7
Austin J. Fullerton - District 2, Crew 2
Denis P. Corson - District 6, Crew 3
Kevin L. Temple - Human Resources
Ryan P. Boisvert - Material & Research
Kenneth M. Boston - Tpk-Dover Maintenance
Benjamin K. Hurley - District 2, Crew 7
Matthew J. Feeney - Bridge Maint-Newfields
Georgie R. Ravelli - Highway Design
Nicholas H. Finch - Tpk-Dover Maintenance
Jeremy D. Spaulding - District 5, Crew 27
Justine M. Matisko - District 4, Crew 7
Joshua A. Willey - District 2, Crew 24
Brian T. Hartlen - District 5, Crew 26
Stefan L. Moore - District 5, Crew 28
Francis B. Sinclair - Tpk-Dover Maintenance
Tyler J. Skiff - District 4, Crew 11
John A. Bean - Bridge Maint-Twin Mtn
Brian M. Bordeau - District 3, Crew 14
James R. Dunn - District 5, Crew 26
Susan L. Hubschmann - Right Of Way
Heather J. Lake - Maintenance
Sandra J. Newman - Right Of Way
Evan T. Starkey - Right Of Way
Tracey L. Albrecht - Tpk-Hampton Main Toll
Brian Burrows - Tpk-Rochester Toll
Kyle A. Clark - District 3, Crew 12
Katherine M. Irwin - Highway Design
Christine A. Merrill - Turnpikes-Hooksett
Jeffrey S. Nute - District 1, Crew 16
Jordan J. Parent - Highway Design
Maria E. Perry - Tpk-Hampton Main Toll
Austin M. Rojas - Tpk-Bedford Main Toll

Promotions:

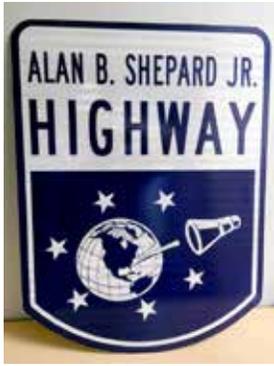
Shawn Woods - Asst Highway Patrol Foreman, District 1
Adam Smith - Right Of Way Agent II, Right-Of-Way

Robert Spinney - Sr Bridge Constr. Supt, Bridge Maint
Michael Drotar - District Supv Highway Signing, Traffic
Peter George - Highway Patrol Foreman, District 6
Ronald Kleiner - Civil Engineer V, Plan & Comm Assist
Jeremy Guyette - Asst Highway Patrol Foreman, District 4
Benjamin Blanchette - Engineering Technician IV, Materials & Research
Jennifer Anderson - Business Administrator II, Turnpikes
Evan Ballas - Highway Maintainer III, District 4
Richard Gagnon - Maintenance Mechanic II, Mech Svs
Steve Johnson - Principal Engineer, Bridge Maintenance
Brian Cassel - Eng Tech IV, Construction/Eng Audit
Jason Sterling - Eng Tech IV, Construction/Eng Audit
Timothy Dunn - Civil Engineer V, Highway Design
David MacDonald - Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, District 1
Lee Emery - Bridge Construction Foreman, Bridge Maintenance
Donald Emerson - Geological Exploration Tech III, Materials & Research
Tony Eldridge - Highway Patrol Foreman, District 3
Jacob Fouts - Highway Maintainer III, District 3
Eric Bellemore - Asst Highway Patrol Foreman, District 5
William Patten - Highway Maintainer III, District 4
Amy McPhee - Program Specialist I, Bridge Maintenance
Jonathan Dymont - Highway Maintainer III, Traffic
Martin Culver - Highway Maintainer III, District 1
Deborah Watts - Audit Supervisor II, Turnpikes
Timothy Boodey - Senior Engineer, Bridge Maintenance
Brian Schipmann - Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, District 6

Retirees:

Mark Carlson - Traffic (39)
Douglas Gosling - Bridge Maintenance (33)
Tony Eldridge - District 3 (33)
Loren Butman - Traffic (32)
Robert Eaton - District 6 (30)
James Grant - Right-Of-Way (26)
Ronald Woods - Right-Of-Way (25)
Karl Leighton - District 3 (23)
Robin Davis - District 3 (12)
John Boynton - District 1 (12)
Heidi Kern - Turnpikes (12)

Letters



*Editor's Note:
The following letter was sent to
Traffic Bureau Administrator Bill
Lambert.*

Dear Bill,

On behalf of the Board of trustees and staff of the New Hampshire Historical Society, I thank you for your much valued donation to the Society

of the I-93 shield, the Alan Shepard Highway sign, and the Sen. Styles Bridges Highway sign. Your kindness in locating and transferring these signs greatly exceeded the hopes of the Society's staff. All three signs will be invaluable in future exhibitions that portray the history of transportation in New Hampshire and depict the ways by which travelers have been guided through the state over the years and centuries.

Sincerely,
James L. Garvin
New Hampshire Historical Society



June 14, 2018

Dear DOT:

I live in Derry and my husband and I have travelled across the US by car many times, and we wanted you to know that the flowers we see along Rt. 93 in

the Derry, Windham, Salem area are some of the most beautiful we have ever seen!! The lupines and daisies are outstanding and much appreciated. Thank you so very much for planting them.

Jan Ramaska
Derry, NH

Photo: A bee collecting nectar on some roadside Lupine along I-93 in Londonderry. (Seth Jubinville/Construction Bureau)

Editor's Note: John Paul Hilliard is a Maintenance Supervisor in District 1.

June 27, 2018

John Hilliard of the DOT is living up to the Department's mission statement of excellence enhancing the quality of life in NH. Without his assistance, when my car broke down on the side of 93 north of Lincoln, my safety and challenges would have been far greater. His assistance was extraordinary. From the time his orange department vehicle pulled up behind mine, he was able to help with roadside assistance, arrange for transportation, and considered my safety, by remaining in place and offering a smile and encouragement, while we waited. Thank you for your professionalism and your kindness, Mr. Hilliard.

Ellen Freeman

June 25, 2018

No complaint here, rather a pat on the back for customer service. My wife's transponder gave out on a long trip down to North Carolina. We called NH EZ-Pass upon our arrival in North Carolina and they could not have been more helpful and efficient. In less than 6 days we had our new transponder shipped to my daughter in North Carolina. Fantastic service with a smile. Thank you New Hampshire.

Peter Rosser

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Excellence, Safety,
Innovation, and
the Future...*

State Employees Union Gives Boost to NH Public Works Employees Memorial

The fundraising effort to build a memorial for New Hampshire Public Works Employees in 2018 took a major step forward with the donation of \$5,000 to the project from SEA/SEIU Local 1984.

"We represent so many public works employees that the decision from the Board of Directors to support this project only made sense," said SEA President Richard Gulla.

NH Department of Transportation Commissioner Victoria Sheehan and Director of Operations David Rodrigue were present to receive the \$5,000 check.

"We're thrilled to accept this check. It gives us the additional boost we need to bring this project to fruition," Commissioner Sheehan said. "This generous donation really shows the SEA's dedication toward member safety and remembering those whose lives were taken too early."

Individuals can donate at www.gofundme.com/nh-public-works-memorial.



Pictured with the \$5,000 donation from SEA/SEIU Local 1984 are: (left to right) Jon Hebert (Chapter 3 President), Dan Brennan (Public Works Employee Memorial Committee member), Tony Pavaglio (Chapter 17 President), Rich Gulla (SEA President), David Rodrigue (NHDOT Director of Operations), and Commissioner Victoria Sheehan.

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Another Sign You're in New Hampshire

The sound walls being constructed along the Spaulding Turnpike as part of the Newington-Dover project include two panels with a distinctly New Hampshire look. Michie Corporation, a supplier on the project, donated two concrete panels, each with an image of the Old Man of the Mountain.

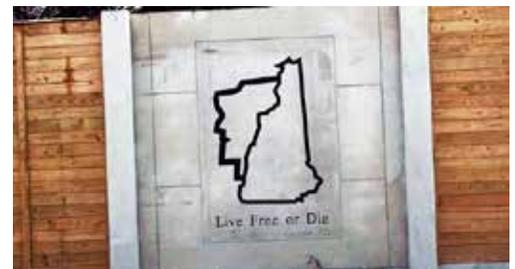


Photo by Nasir Yari (Turnpikes)

Cover photo - Ted Kitsis, Administrator of the Construction Bureau, and Nickie Hunter, District Construction Engineer, were among those attending the "Bridge Walk Celebration" for the new Sarah Long Bridge on June 8th. Photo by L.J. Place.